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Kevin Butler celebrates after his 52-yard field goal beat the Packers in Green Bay three weeks ago. His heroics weren't needed last Sunday, though, as the Bears easily beat the Packers, 23-10. (Bear Report photo by Steve Woltmann)

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Bears keep momentum going as they head to Minnesota

Two important things came out of the Bears' 23-10 win over the Packers Sunday. One, they clinched a playoff berth for this year. And two, they kept their momentum going as they head into the toughest part of this year's schedule.

With a two-game lead going into Minnesota next week, the Bears can wrap up at least a tie for the division title with a win. The soon-

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er they can clinch the division, the sooner they can start worrying about the playoffs.

But it's also important to be playing well and improving as you head into the post-season. The Bears got back on track against Detroit after their loss to Denver. And they improved their game with the win over Green Bay.

The offense continues to move the ball well and score enough points. Against the Packers, the offense rolled up 319 yards and put 23 points on the board. As long as they do that, they don't have to rely on the

defense to always shut down the opponent.

The rushing game was good, piling up 127 yards. I was happy to see Thomas Sanders and Calvin Thomas get in a few good runs during the game.

And you have to give credit to the offensive line. It only allowed one sack and opened up some good holes for the running backs.

What makes that even more impressive is when you look at how beat up the line is. Jay Hilgenberg has a bad shoulder and elbow and is wearing a shoulder harness. Jim Covert has a bad shoulder and also is wearing a harness on it. And Mark Bortz played Sunday with a cracked rib. Those guys really

gave a gutsy performance and should be congratulated for the job they did.

The defense gave up a lot of yardage in the game — 348 yards. But the name of the game is points. And the defense allowed only 10 for the second week in a row. Al Harris had a heck of a game filling in again for Dan Hampton. Not only did he knock down a sure touchdown pass and block a field-goal attempt, but he also put good pressure on quarterback Randy Wright in passing situations.

All that has the Bears putting things together as they finish up the season. And it's none too soon because Sunday will be a tough battle in Minnesota.

Doug's Picks

Bears by 3 over Vikings
This will be a tough one

Cowboys by 6 over Falcons
Dallas can put points on board

Bills by 4 over Raiders
Buffalo has its game together

Browns by 6 over Colts
Indianapolis offense will slow down

Bengals by 3 over Chiefs
Cincinnati will lift Cincinnati

Rams by 10 over Lions
Los Angeles has it together

Broncos by 8 over Patriots
Go with Denver at home

Giants by 6 over Eagles
Philadelphia too inconsistent

Chargers by 4 over Oilers
Houston starting to fade

49ers by 10 over Packers
San Francisco one of top teams

Seahawks by 6 over Steelers
Seattle one of best in AFC

Saints by 7 over Buccaneers
New Orleans a good team this year

Redskins by 9 over Cardinals
Washington beginning to tune up

Jets by 4 over Dolphins
Tough to figure out Miami

DRAW PLAY By Dick Kulpa



A new contract for Singletary is only the first step

As if the Bears didn't have enough to occupy their time and the thoughts of their fans, they had to go and remind everyone recently that this is professional football.

Players play for money. Owners own for money. Coaches coach for, well, most coaches coach for love. Scouts scout for fun.

Money is at the root of all playbooks and other strategy dictating the success of a pro football franchise. Amateur football is played only in backyards on Thanksgiving Day and in Detroit.

DON PIERSON



Money and its relationship with pro football is not something that should surprise anyone every time the two subjects are connected. They really aren't two subjects at all.

The 24-day strike constantly reminded us of what this sport is all about. When the strike is over, and owners had reminded players of who will control the money, Eric Dickerson of the Los Angeles Rams reminded us of how much money means to players by demanding a trade and getting it.

Now, the Bears are reminding everyone that not even Chicago's beloved team is operating solely for the honor of representing the city of big shoulders.

Middle linebacker Mike Singletary's new contract agreement was made public along with the news that 21 other Bears are approaching the end of their legal responsibility to perform in Chicago.

Club president Michael McCaskey repeated he has been trying to tell the city and its good citizens that he cannot possibly keep all his players financially happy unless he is financially happy with plans for a new stadium, or at least plans for more skybox revenue from Soldier Field.

A long offseason looms for the club's director of finance, Ted Phillips — so long that it already has begun.

Singletary's contract is first step

Phillips started talking to Singletary last offseason and continued talks during the season. His new agreement is only the first step for the Bears on a long road toward fiscal happiness for 1988.

Besides the 21 more players Phillips will try to satisfy before next season are two more in option years, including linebacker Otis Wilson.

Starting linebacker Wilber Marshall's contract will expire. Marshall and Wilson may or may not be content with the precedent set by Singletary's new agreement.

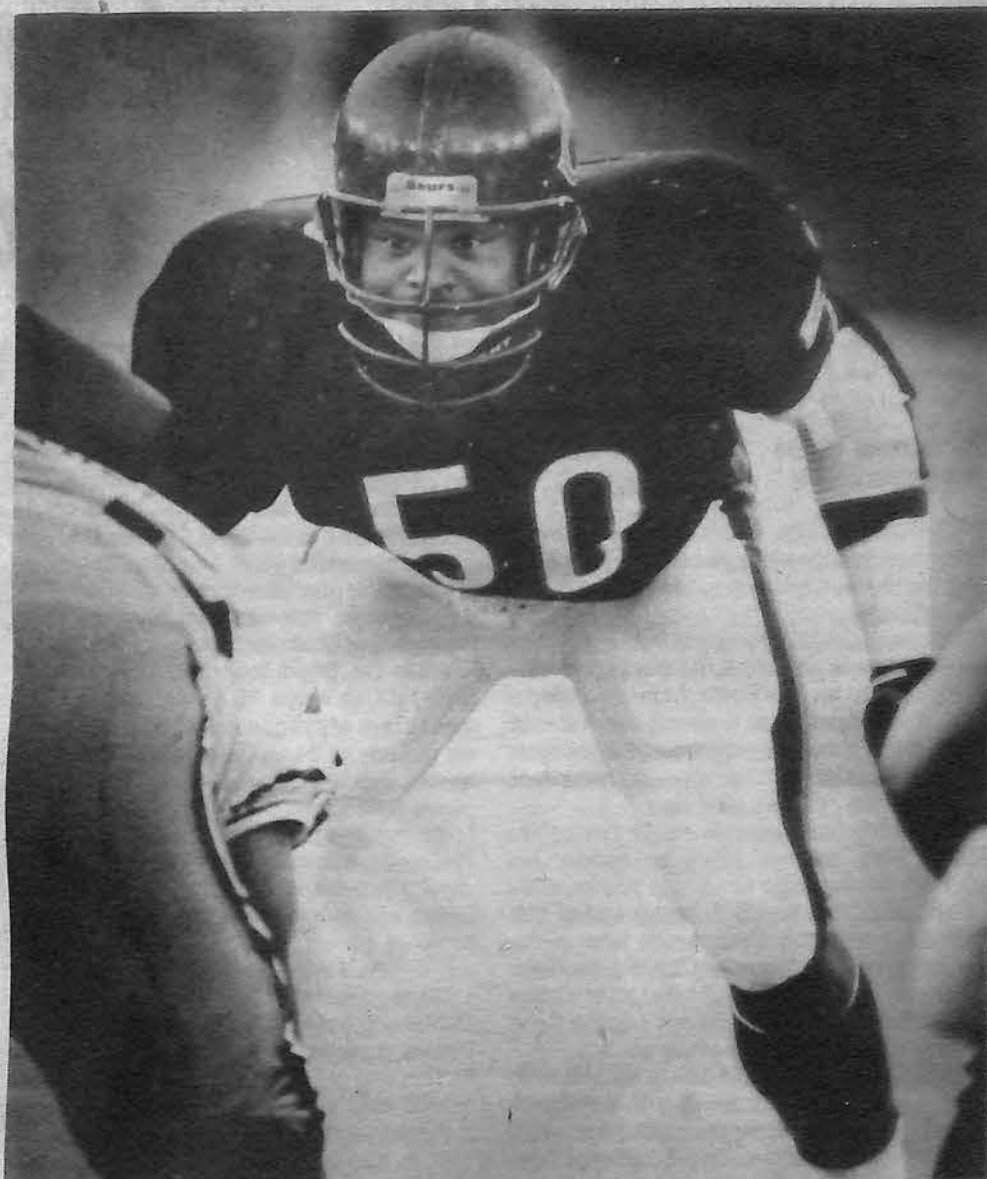
Terms were not announced and the contract is not yet signed, but Singletary said he expects it will put him among the highest-paid linebackers in the National Football League.

Lawrence Taylor of the New York Giants was listed first on last year's NFL Players Association salary survey for linebackers at a base of \$900,000 for 1987. Second was Miami's Hugh Green at \$750,000.

I'm not saying he's in that area, but he got a good contract," Phillips said. "Who's done more in the league than Mike has?"

Marshall is in the last year of a contract that pays him a present value of \$493,000. Signed during the bidding war with the rival United States Football League, Marshall's contract included a large bonus and deferred payments.

Phillips is currently working on a new contract for wide receiver Willie Gault, who is



Mike Singletary is close to signing a new contract, but his is just one of many that the Bears will have to negotiate in the near future. (Bear Report photo by Steve Woltmann)

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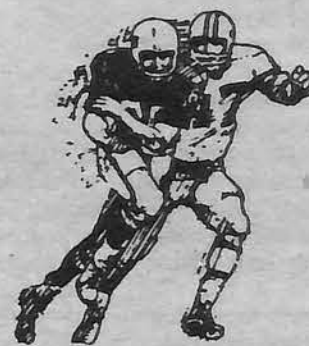
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GAME WRAPUP

No heroics needed this time Bears clinch playoff berth with 23-10 win

By Michael Polzin
Managing Editor

CHICAGO - The Bears faced an almost must-win situation against Green Bay Sunday before they head up to Minnesota to play the Vikings.

A loss to Green Bay would mean a Viking win next week would put the Bears and Vikings in a tie for the Central Division lead.

But the Bears rode a strong second-half performance on their way to a 23-10 win over Green Bay and clinched at least a wild-card berth to the playoffs this year.

The only bad news to come out of the game was another injury to tackle Jim Covert. Covert, who already is bothered by a shoulder that keeps popping out of the socket, had his ankle pop out late in the fourth quarter. "We might have a problem there for at least a week," head coach Mike Ditka said. "But I think Covert's going to be ready for Minnesota, I really do."

After playing to a 10-10 tie in the first half, Chicago outscored Green Bay 13-0 in the second half. The offense generated 319 yards on the day, and the defense kept the pressure on Green Bay quarterback Randy Wright to prevent him from putting the Packers in the end zone.

Chicago got another good game out of its special teams with three field goals and two blocked field-goal attempts.

"We're certainly not where we want to be yet, but we're getting better," Ditka said. "We caught them on a day when they did a lot of things well, but we won the football game."

Harris gets big plays

Green Bay certainly moved the ball well against Chicago, but a couple big plays by Al Harris and the defensive secondary kept Chicago in the game.

The Packers scored first on their first possession of the game. Green Bay started at its own 13-yard line and quickly moved out to the 27 after a pass interference penalty against Vestee Jackson. Two plays later Wright hit Walter Stanley on a 66-yard bomb over Mike Richardson, moving Green Bay to the Bears' three-yard line.

Two runs by Paul Ott Carruth moved the ball to the one. Then on third and goal Brent Fullwood ran into the end zone for a 7-0 Packer lead with 9:25 left in the first quarter.

The Packers blew a good scoring oppor-

tunity with less than a minute left in the opening period after Johnny Holland intercepted a pass from Jim McMahon at the Bear 30 and returned it to the 26. But Green Bay only gained one more yard, and Max Zendejas' 42-yard field goal attempt was wide left. That was Zendejas' first miss after 10 straight successful field goal attempts.

When the Bears took over, they needed only 1:13 to move 75 yards for their first touchdown of the game. McMahon completed passes of 24 yards to Willie Gault and seven and 18 yards to Dennis McKinnon to move Chicago to the Packer 20-yard line.

On the next play, McMahon threw to Neal Anderson, who caught the ball over the middle at the five and bounced off two Packers before reaching the end zone. That tied the score at 7-7 with 13:33 left in the first half.

Roll outs help McMahon

Chicago used a lot of roll outs when McMahon passed to keep him away from the Packer pressure. "I'm trying to get him protection and get him out of the pocket, so we moved a little bit," Ditka said.

Added center Jay Hilgenberg, "We just tried to take away a little bit of the rush and make them contain."

Wide receiver Ron Morris, who led the Bears with three catches for 51 yards, said the routes Chicago ran Sunday were designed for the quarterback roll outs.

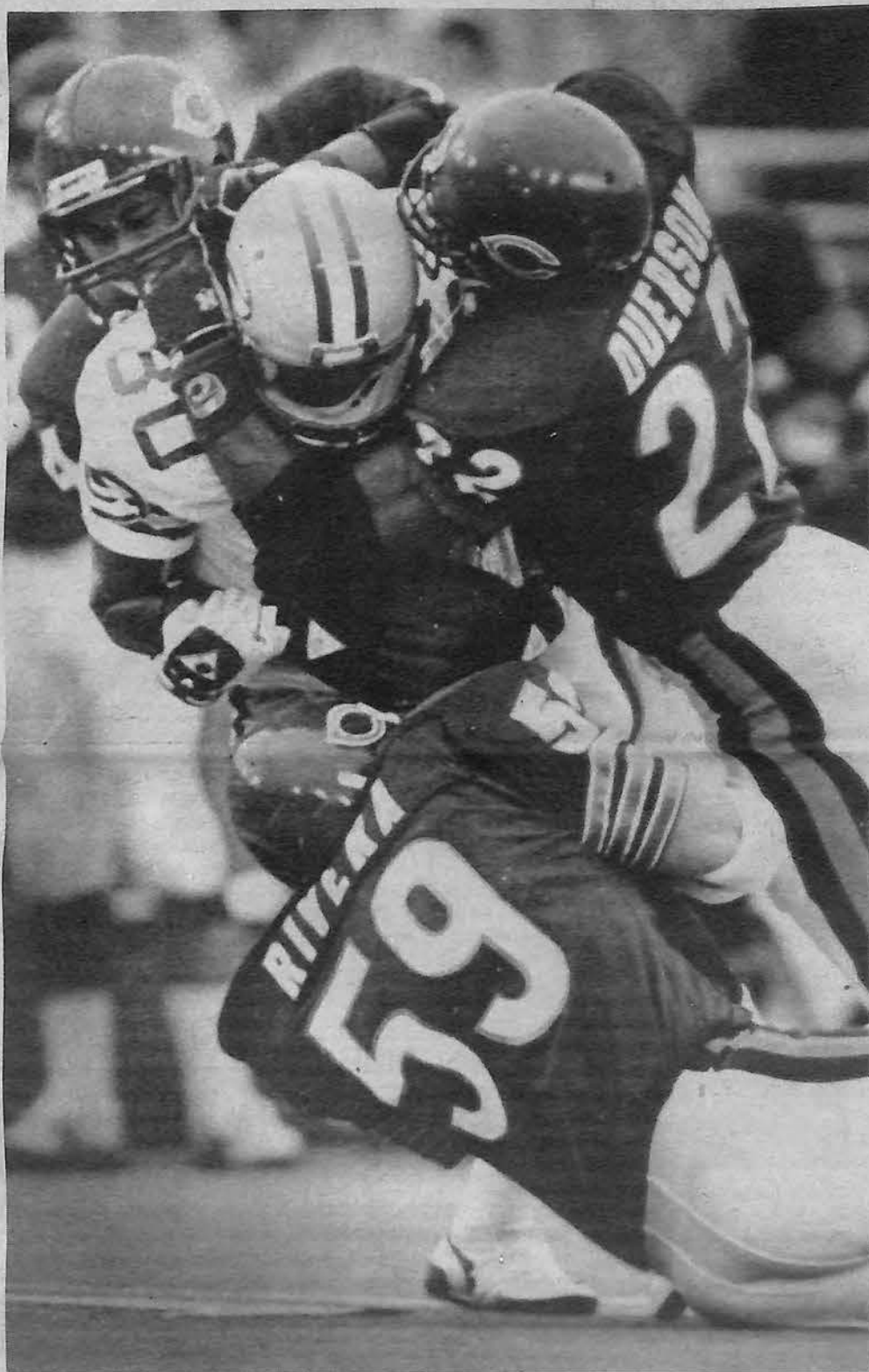
"It was just to get away from the defense and get out there in the corner so I can beat my man one on one," Morris said. "We had worked on that in practice getting ready for the game."

Again Sunday, McMahon utilized all his receivers. Seven Bears caught at least one pass, with McKinnon and Walter Payton also catching three. "Everybody is catching the ball," Morris said. "It's just whatever Jim sees back there. And today I came open a lot. And he waited and dumped the ball off to me. You have to give Jim credit for finding us in the open area."

The Packers were able to capitalize on another Bear turnover in the second period. On second down from the Bear 43, a fumbled snap between McMahon and Hilgenberg was recovered by Brian Noble. That gave Green Bay the ball at the Bear 41.

The Packers pounded the ball down to the four-yard line before the Bear defense stopped them. On third and two from the

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Ron Rivera, Dave Duerson and Vestee Jackson gang up on Frankie Neal to bring him down in the Bears' 23-10 win over the Packers Sunday at Soldier Field. (Bear Report photo by Steve Woltmann)

Playoff tickets go on sale

Should the Bears win the NFC Central Division title, about 6,000 playoff tickets will go on sale at Soldier Field and Ticketron outlets at 10 a.m., Dec. 28.

If the Bears instead are a wild-card team, the date and time of playoff ticket sales will be announced later.

Fans may purchase playoff tickets by cash or certified check at Soldier Field. Approved charge procedures may be used at Ticketron outlets. Tickets will be limited to four per person.

Seats priced at \$20 during the regular season will be \$28 for a divisional playoff or wild-card game and \$33 for the NFC champion-

ship game. Tickets priced at \$17 during the regular season will be \$25 for divisional playoff or wild-card games and \$30 for the championship game. Tickets priced at \$10 during the regular season will be \$20 for divisional playoff or wild-card games and \$25 for the NFC championship.

If the Bears win the division title, they could host a playoff game on Jan. 9 or 10 and the NFC championship game on Jan. 17. If the Bears are a wild-card team they could host a playoff game on Jan. 3.

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Bears-Packers game statistics

SCORING SUMMARY

Green Bay Packers	7	3	0	0	—	10
Chicago Bears	0	10	3	10	—	23
1 - GB: Fullwood 1 yd. run (Zendejas kick)	7-0					
2 - Chicago: Anderson 20 yd. pass from McMahon (Butler kick)	7-7					
2 - GB: Zendejas 32 yd. Field Goal	10-7					
2 - Chicago: Butler 21 yd. Field Goal	10-10					
3 - Chicago: Butler 27 yd. Field Goal	10-13					
4 - Chicago: Sanders 7 yd. run (Butler kick)	10-20					
4 - Chicago: Butler 52 yd. Field Goal	10-23					

WEATHER: rain mixed with snow, 42 degrees, 89 percent humidity, wind southwest at 7 mph. ATTENDANCE: 61,638 (tickets distributed 66,030, unused 4,392; TIME: 3:11.

FINAL TEAM STATISTICS

	Packers	Bears
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	20	20
By Rushing	6	8
By Passing	12	9
By Penalty	2	3
THIRD DOWN EFFICIENCY	6-16	2-10
FOURTH DOWN EFFICIENCY	0-2	1-1
TOTAL NET YARDS	348	319
Total Off. Plays		
(Inc. times passing)	69	63
Av. Gain per Off. Play	5.0	5.1
NET YARDS RUSHING	111	127
Total Rushing Plays	30	35
Av. Gain Per Rush. Play	3.7	3.6
NET YARDS PASSING	237	192
Times Thrown —		
Yds. Lost Att. To Pass	3-18	1-3
Gross Yds. Passing	255	195
PASS ATT. — COMP. —		
HAD INTERCEPTED	36-18-2	27-16-1
Av. Gain Per Pass Play		
(Inc. times thrown passing)	6.1	6.9
PUNTS — NO. AND AV.	3-33.3	4-36.5
Had Blocked	0	0
TOTAL RET. YARDAGE	42	78
No. and Yds. Punt Ret.	1-2	2-13
No. and Yds. KO Returns	4-36	3-65
No. and Yds. Interc. Ret.	1-4	2-0
PENALTIES — NO. AND YDS.	10-88	7-89
FUMBLES — NO. AND LOST	1-0	4-2
TOUCHDOWNS	1	2
Rushing	1	1
Passing	0	1
Returns	0	0
EXTRA POINTS MADE — ATT.	1-1	2-2
FG MADE — ATT.	1-4	3-3
TIME OF POSSESSION	30:05	29:55

FINAL INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS Green Bay Packers

	Att.	Net	Avg.	Long	TD
RUSHING		Yds.		Gain	
Fullwood	20	64	3.2	12	1
Carruth	4	8	2.0	4	0
Clark	2	13	6.5	8	0
Cook	2	3	1.5	2	0
Wright	2	23	11.5	13	0

				Tkd.		Had
PASSING	Att.	Comp.	Yds.	Yds.	LG	Int.
Wright.....	36	18	255	3-18	66	2

	No.	Yds.	LG
PASS RECEIVING			
Stanley	2	72	66
Fullwood	1	12	12
Neal	5	55	19
West	2	23	13
Epps	6	81	22
Carruth	2	12	7

	No.	Yds.	LG
INTERCEPTIONS			
Holland	1	4	4

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG
PUNTING				
Bracken	3	100	33.3	39

	No.	FC	Yds.	LG
PUNT RETURNS				
Stanley	1	1	2	2
*Downed	1	0	0	0
*Touchback	1	0	0	0

KICKOFF RETURNS

	No.	Yds.	LG
Cook	2	15	15
Fullwood	2	21	13

FUMBLES

	Fum.	Own
Epps	1	0
Stanley	0	1

Chicago Bears

	Att.	Net	Avg.	Long	TD
RUSHING		Yds.		Gain	
Payton	8	22	2.8	7	0
Anderson	13	32	2.5	9	0
McMahon	6	24	4.0	13	0
Sanders	5	37	7.4	17	1
Thomas	2	13	6.5	18	0
Tomczak	1	-1	-1.0	0	0

				Tkd.		Had	
PASSING	Att.	Comp.	Yds.	Yds.	TD	LG	Int.
McMahon	27	16	195	1-3	1	24	1
Tomczak	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0

PASS RECEIVING

	No.	Yds.	LG	TD
Morris	3	51	21	0
Gault	2	39	24	0
McKinnon	3	42	18	0
Anderson	1	20	20	1
Moorehead	2	25	19	0
Payton	3	16	8	0
Gentry	2	2	2	0

INTERCEPTIONS

	No.	Yds.
Duerson	1	0
Douglass	1	0

PUNTING

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TB	In 20	LG
Wagner	4	146	36.5	1	2	44

PUNT RETURNS

	No.	FC	Yds.	LG
McKinnon	2	0	13	13
*out of bounds	1	0	0	0

KICKOFF RETURNS

	No.	Yds.	LG
Sanders	2	40	23
Gentry	1	25	25

FUMBLES

	Fum.	Own	Yds.	TD
McKinnon	1	1	0	0
McMahon	1	0	0	0
Anderson	1	0	0	0
Bell	1	0	0	0
Covert	0	1	0	0

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

	T	A	S	YL	Int.	PD	FR
(Unofficial)							
Lee	5	0	0	0	0	1	0
Greene	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stills	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brown	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Murphy	7	1	0	0	0	0	0
Holland	3	2	0	0	1	0	0
Anderson	7	0	0	0	0	1	0
Carreker	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
Browner	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
Johnson	1	0	1	3	0	0	0
Noble	6	0	0	0	0	0	2
Brown	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
Harris	6	1	0	0	0	0	0

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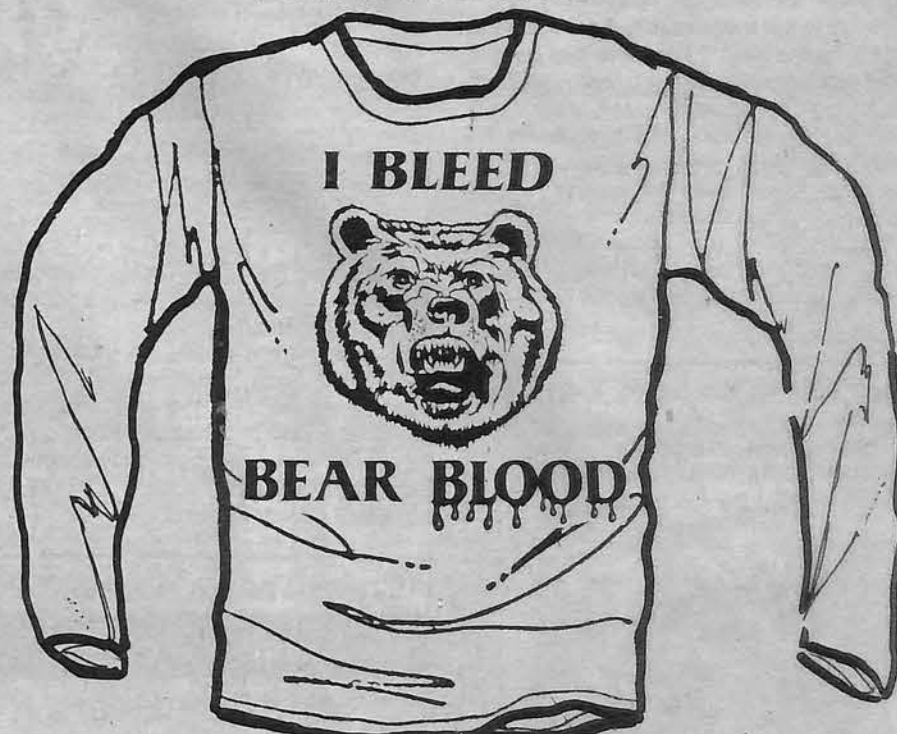
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New set of players lead Bears to victory

By David Marran
Bear Report Staff

CHICAGO - When the Bears win, usually it's Jim McMahon, Neal Anderson or Walter Payton who play the key roles.

But in Sunday's 23-10 win over the Green Bay Packers, those players took a back-seat to four usually unsung Bears who turned in solid performances.

"Al Harris played very well," coach Mike Ditka said. "Maurice Douglass came up with a key interception. Kevin Butler kicks three field goals with a bad leg and Mark (Rodenhauser) did a good job getting the ball back there."

Harris probably had the biggest impact on the game. The 6-foot-5 defensive end registered a sack, batted down a sure touchdown pass in the end zone, blocked a field goal and had four tackles.

"Al Harris is something," Ditka said. "He's played awfully well. Unfortunately, he's been behind the limelight for a long time. He just plugs along, doesn't say very much and gets the job done. You have got to like that in a guy."

Harris turned in his first big play in the second quarter when the Packers had a third-down and two situation at the Bears four-yard line. Packers quarterback Randy Wright tried to hit Keith Paskett in the end zone, who had broken free momentarily. Harris foiled the play when he got his hand on the ball and broke up the pass. The Packers had to settle for a field goal and a 10-7 lead.

"I kind of knew they were going to run that play," Harris said. "The only mistake I thought I made at the time was that I over-extended myself and the guy got around me. I just tried to run and catch him first and then turn and look. I saw the ball come in and tried to get my hand on it, which I was able to do."

Harris thwarted another Packer scoring drive in the fourth quarter when he blocked Max Zendejas' 37-yard field goal. The block was Harris' fourth of the season.

"We try to get a mismatch, 4-on-3, on the inside," Harris said. "We have big people on the inside and try to push the guys back and get our hands up."

On the Packers' next possession, Harris sacked Wright at the Bears' 30-yard line. The 5-yard loss forced the Packers into a third and long situation that eventually failed.

"You talk about the blocked field goals, Harris got a good pass rush and got some pressure on them and that's what I like," Dit-



The Bears didn't have to rely on their usual stars like Neal Anderson when other players came through in Sunday's game. (Bear Report photo by Steve Woltmann)

ka said.

Harris said the Bears' pass coverage allowed him to get the sack and get good pressure on Wright all game.

"It was more a coverage sack than me making the sack," Harris said. "We had good coverage and the guy had time to pump and pump. I happened to get over there but it was a great job by the secondary. I was happy to get the sack. I'll take them anyway I can get them."

While the Packers were having trouble getting a kick past the line of scrimmage, Kevin Butler was having one of his best days as a Bear. The former Georgia All-America connected on three field goals.

Prior to the 52-yard clincher, Butler kicked a 21-yarder that tied the game at 10 and a 27-yarder that gave the Bears the lead for the first time at 13-10.

Key to Butler's field goals were the long snaps by former Spare Bear Mark Roden-

hauser. The Bears have been having problems in the long-snapping department all season but Sunday there were no problems.

"You can't put enough importance on the snapping," Ditka said. "Our kicker has been sitting back there not knowing where the ball was going but Mark did a good job."

Rodenhauser has been battling rookie John Adickes for the long-snapping position. He didn't win the job for the Packer game until 4 p.m. Saturday.

"I always knew I could snap," Rodenhauser said. "I'm glad I got another opportunity to prove I could do it. I'm glad coach Ditka feels confident with my snaps, that does make me feel a lot better. I hope it helps Kevin Butler kick better and I hope it makes (holder) Mike Tomczak get the ball down quicker. I'm just doing what they brought me here to do."

Rodenhauser has only been with the Bears for a half season and he realizes that it could be a while before he is activated as more than just a long snapper.

"I understand the situation," Rodenhauser said. "Coach Ditka has to do what he feels is best. It's a numbers thing right now between John and myself. At this point it's safe to say John is a lot more comfortable with the offense. He knows what's going on. I still have to get used to the offense and it's something to consider. You can't really have three centers activated, so whoever is activated has to be ready to back up Jay (Hilgenberg)."

Douglass, a back up in the secondary, emerged as the Bears fourth unsung hero in the victory. Douglass, who was inserted in nickel situations prior to the Detroit game, came up with two big plays in the second half and both led to scores.

The first came in the third quarter when he intercepted Wright at the Bears' 46-yard line. About four minutes later, the Bears turned Douglass' first career interception into a touchdown.

"I was fortunate enough to get a good break on the receiver and look back for the ball," Douglass said.

Douglass' second big play came midway through the fourth quarter when the Packers were faced with a 4th and 6 situation at the Bears 21. Wright threw a sideline pattern that looked to be complete, but Douglass deflected the pass and pushed Frankie Neal out of bounds before the Packers' receiver could get possession. The Bears got the ball on downs and kicked a field goal eight plays later.

Douglass and the Bears' other unsung heroes proved vital in the win. If it weren't for Harris, the Packers may have had 10 more points. Both of Douglass' key plays led to points and Butler accounted for 11 points, including PATs.

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Chicago Bears

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yr.	College
6	Kevin Butler	K	6-1	204	25	3	Georgia
9	Jim McMahon	QB	6-1	190	28	6	BYU
14	Jim Harbaugh	QB	6-3	202	23	R	Michigan
15	Bryan Wagner	P	6-2	195	25	1	Cal-Northridge
18	Mike Tomczak	QB	6-1	185	25	3	Ohio St.
20	Thomas Sanders	RB	5-11	203	25	3	Texas A&M
22	Dave Duerson	S	6-1	210	26	5	Notre Dame
23	Shaun Gayle	S	5-11	193	25	4	Ohio St.
24	Vestee Jackson	CB	6-0	186	24	2	Washington
25	Todd Bell	S	6-1	212	28	6	Ohio St.
26	Matt Suhey	FB	5-11	216	29	8	Penn St.
27	Mike Richardson	CB	6-0	188	26	5	Arizona St.
29	Dennis Gentry	WR	5-8	180	28	6	Baylor
33	Calvin Thomas	FB	5-11	245	27	6	Illinois
34	Walter Payton	RB	5-10	205	33	13	Jackson St.
35	Neal Anderson	RB	5-11	210	23	2	Florida
37	Maurice Douglass	DB	5-11	200	23	2	Kentucky
45	Gary Fencik	S	6-1	193	33	12	Yale
48	Reggie Phillips	DB	5-10	170	26	3	S. Methodist
50	Mike Singletary	LB	6-0	235	29	7	Baylor
51	Jim Morrissey	LB	6-3	222	24	3	Michigan St.
54	John Adickes	C	6-3	264	23	R	Baylor
57	Tom Thayer	G	6-4	280	26	3	Notre Dame
58	Wilber Marshall	LB	6-1	230	25	4	Florida
59	Ron Rivera	LB	6-3	235	25	4	California
62	Mark Bortz	G	6-6	275	26	5	Iowa
63	Jay Hilgenberg	C	6-3	260	27	7	Iowa
68	Paul Blair	T	6-4	295	24	2	Oklahoma St.
72	William Perry	DT	6-2	315	24	3	Clemson
74	Jim Covert	T	6-4	275	27	5	Pittsburgh
76	Steve McMichael	DT	6-2	265	30	8	Texas
78	Keith Van Horne	T	6-6	285	29	7	USC
79	Kurt Becker	G	6-5	280	28	6	Michigan
83	Willie Gault	WR	6-1	183	27	5	Tennessee
84	Ron Morris	WR	6-1	187	22	R	SMU
85	Dennis McKinnon	WR	6-1	185	26	4	Florida St.
86	Cap Boso	TE	6-3	224	25	1	Illinois
87	Emery Moorehead	TE	6-2	225	33	11	Colorado
88	Keith Ortego	WR	6-0	180	24	3	McNeese St.
90	Al Harris	LB/DE	6-5	270	30	8	Arizona St.
92	Paul Migliazzo	LB	6-1	228	21	R	Oklahoma
93	Will Johnson	DE	6-4	245	22	R	N.E. Louisiana
94	Dick Chapura	DT	6-3	280	21	R	Missouri
95	Richard Dent	DE	6-5	263	26	5	Tennessee St.
97	Sean Smith	DE	6-4	275	22	R	Grambling

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47	Egypt Allen	DB	6-0	203	23	1	Texas Christian
53	Mark Rodenhauser	C	6-5	260	26	R	Illinois St.
70	Jim Althoff	DT	6-3	278	26	1	Winona St.
73	John Wojciechowski	G	6-4	262	24	1	Michigan St.
91	Jay Norvell	LB	6-2	232	24	1	Iowa

INJURED RESERVE: WR Lew Barnes; S Kyle Kafentzis; C Larry Rubens; G Ronnie James Carter; TE Tim Wrightman; WR Votie Patterson; DE Dan Hampton; LB Otis Wilson; DB Lorenzo Lynch; HB Anthony Mosley; DL/TE Keith Smith; DT/OL Eugene Rowell; WR Glen Kozlowski.
PHYSICALLY UNABLE TO PERFORM: QB Steve Fuller.

Facts and Figures

Kickoff: Sunday, Dec. 6, 7 p.m. Central time.
Site: Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome, Minneapolis.

Playing surface: Artificial turf.

Series record: The Vikings lead the regular season series 26-24-2. Chicago won the first game this year, a 27-7 win during the strike with replacement players. Since 1983 the Bears have won seven of the nine meetings between the two teams.

Radio-TV coverage: The game will be televised nationally by ESPN and locally in Chicago by WLS-TV, channel 7. WGN-Radio and the Bears radio network will carry the game live. WOJO (105 FM) will broadcast the game in Spanish.



Vikings wide receiver Anthony Carter

Minnesota Vikings

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yr.	College
1	Chuck Nelson	K	5-11	175	27	4	Washington
8	Greg Coleman	P	6-0	184	32	11	Florida A&M
9	Tommy Kramer	QB	6-2	192	32	11	Rice
11	Wade Wilson	QB	6-3	206	28	7	East Texas St.
16	Rich Gannon	QB	6-3	197	21	R	Delaware
20	Darrin Nelson	RB	5-9	185	27	6	Stanford
22	Steve Freeman	S	5-11	185	34	13	Mississippi St.
24	Wymon Henderson	DB	5-10	186	25	1	Nevada-Las Vegas
25	Tony Truelove	RB	5-11	204	23	R	Livingston College
30	Issiac Holt	CB	6-2	199	24	3	Alcorn St.
31	Rick Fenney	RB	6-1	240	22	R	Washington
36	Allen Rice	RB	5-10	206	25	4	Baylor
39	Carl Lee	DB	5-11	188	26	5	Marshall
41	Neal Guggemos	S	6-0	190	23	2	St. Thomas
42	D.J. Dozier	RB	6-0	198	21	R	Penn St.
44	John Harris	S	6-2	197	31	10	Arizona St.
46	Alfred Anderson	RB	6-1	217	25	4	Baylor
47	Joey Browner	S	6-2	210	27	5	USC
48	Reggie Rutland	S	6-1	195	23	R	Georgia Tech
50	Ray Berry	LB	6-2	230	23	R	Baylor
51	David Howard	LB	6-2	234	25	3	Cal St. Long Beach
54	Jesse Solomon	LB	6-0	236	23	2	Florida St.
55	Scott Studwell	LB	6-2	229	33	11	Illinois
56	Chris Doleman	LB	6-5	262	25	3	Pittsburgh
57	Chris Martin	LB	6-2	231	26	5	Auburn
58	Walker Lee Ashley	LB	6-0	232	27	4	Penn St.
63	Kirk Lowdermilk	C	6-3	264	24	3	Ohio St.
65	Gary Zimmerman	T	6-6	284	25	2	Oregon
66	Terry Tausch	G	6-5	276	28	6	Texas
67	Dennis Swilley	C	6-3	265	32	10	Texas A&M
68	Greg Koch	T	6-4	276	31	11	Arkansas
69	Wayne Jones	G	6-4	281	27	1	Utah
71	Mark MacDonald	G	6-4	265	26	3	Boston Col.
72	David Huffman	T	6-6	285	30	8	Notre Dame
73	Stafford Mays	DE	6-2	264	29	8	Washington
75	Keith Millard	DT	6-5	264	25	3	Washington St.
76	Tim Irwin	T	6-7	290	28	7	Tennessee
78	Mike Hartenstein	DE	6-3	254	34	13	Penn St.
79	Doug Martin	DE	6-3	258	30	8	Washington
80	Jim Gustafson	WR	6-1	178	26	2	St. Thomas
81	Anthony Carter	WR	5-11	174	26	3	Michigan
82	Carl Hilton	TE	6-3	236	23	2	Houston
83	Steve Jordan	TE	6-3	235	26	6	Brown
84	Hassan Jones	WR	6-0	198	23	2	Florida St.
87	Leo Lewis	WR	5-8	167	30	7	Missouri
88	Buster Rhymes	WR	6-1	213	25	3	Oklahoma
89	Greg Richardson	WR/KR	5-7	172	22	R	Alabama
96	Tim Newton	DT	6-0	297	24	3	Florida
97	Henry Thomas	NT	6-2	268	22	R	LSU

INJURED RESERVE: C Chris Foote; DE Mark Mullaney; TE Mike Mularkey; WR James Brim; S Terry Love; DE Gerald Robinson.

One large obstacle stands in the way of the Chicago Bears clinching another NFC Central Division title — the Minnesota Vikings.

But the Bears can take a big step toward removing that obstacle when they play the Vikings Sunday night at the Metrodome in Minneapolis.

This should be as tough a game for the Bears as the Monday night game in Denver was. The Metrodome is fast becoming a pit for all of Minnesota's home teams that play there. The crowd noise certainly helped the Twins to their world championship last fall, and it could propel the Vikings into the playoffs this winter — possibly even a division championship.

If the Vikings knock off the Bears, they'll keep their hopes alive of overtaking the Bears in the division. The Bears have the tougher schedule the rest of the way with road games against San Francisco and the Raiders, and one home game against Seattle. Minnesota faces Washington at home and road games against Detroit and Green Bay.

Every game critical for Vikings

"The position we're in, every game is critical," said head coach Jerry Burns. About the Dallas game on Thanksgiving Day, he said, "Our club recognizes the importance of the game to us. The game is critical to both clubs because both clubs are seeking a wild-card selection to the playoffs."

But, the Vikings may be playing as well as any team in the league right now. The strike was costly to Minnesota, as its replacement team lost all three of its games. The regular Vikings are 7-1 this year, with their only loss coming against the Seahawks at Seattle.

In their last two games the Vikings have beat Atlanta at home and the Cowboys in Dallas on Thanksgiving Day. In their 24-13 win over Atlanta, the Vikings were helped by their special teams. Wide receiver Leo Lewis, who is averaging 15.9 yards per punt return, returned a punt 78 yards for a touchdown to give the Vikings a 17-7 lead in the third quarter.

In the fourth quarter, tight end Carl Hilton blocked a punt that the Vikings recovered on the Falcon eight-yard line. That led to Minnesota's final touchdown on the day.

Minnesota registered three sacks in the game, 1½ each by Chris Doleman and Doug Martin.

Quarterback Tommy Kramer started the game for the Vikings, but he suffered a bruised throwing hand and was replaced by Wade Wilson.

Against Dallas on Thanksgiving, Kramer started the game but again was replaced by Wilson at the start of the second half after he suffered a bruised right arm. Wilson was able to direct the Vikings to a 44-38 overtime win.

Nelson has a big day

Running back Darrin Nelson carried the

load for Minnesota, rushing for 118 yards on 16 carries. One of those carries included a 24-yard run in the overtime period for the game-winning touchdown. He also scored in the third quarter on a 52-yard run.

Nelson is Minnesota's leading rusher with 470 yards on the ground this season, but he hadn't scored a touchdown this year until the Dallas game.

The Viking backfield has done the job the last two games without the services of rookie running back D.J. Dozier. Dozier has a bad ankle and missed both games.

Another key injury for the Vikings is defensive tackle Keith Millard, who has a torn calf muscle. "Our defense is playing very well. But with Millard not in there, there's no question that his loss will be deeply felt," added Burns.

"All injuries concern you because it's a 45-man roster. But Keith Millard's and D.J. Dozier's injuries are very critical to us."

The Viking offense turned in a good performance against Dallas without making any critical mistakes. That's been the offense's biggest problem so far this season. Minnesota is minus-six in turnover ratio.

"We've got talented people on our offense," Burns said. "It's just a matter of a mistake here, a mistake there by a particular individual that held back the productivity of the offense."

"I know we'll improve because we have good people and they're capable of playing

the game."

Carter plays a key role

They proved it Thursday by scoring 44 points against the Cowboys. Wide receiver Anthony Carter, who leads the team with 28 receptions for 677 yards, set up Nelson's winning touchdown with a 24-yard catch from Wilson to put the Vikings at the Cowboy 26. Nelson scored two plays later. Carter finished the game with eight receptions for 184 yards.

Carter also set up another touchdown earlier in the game. His 51-yard catch led to a one-yard touchdown run by Rick Fenney in the fourth quarter. And Carter caught two passes for touchdowns from Kramer.

Kramer was nine out of 18 for 123 yards and one interception before leaving the game. Wilson also was nine out of 18 for 189 yards and one interception.

The Viking defense has totaled 28 sacks this year, with Doleman and Martin each leading the team with seven. In the last three games, Doleman has caused three fumbles by sacking the quarterback.

The defense held Herschel Walker to just 76 yards on 21 carries last Thursday. No running back has rushed for 100 yards or more against the Vikings this season and no team has had over 250 net passing yards against Minnesota this year.

And the Viking defense has had at least one interception in the past seven games.

Chicago on offense

SPECIALISTS

Punter
15 Bryan Wagner
Kicker
6 Kevin Butler
Holder
18 Mike Tomczak

RB
34 Walter Payton
20 Thomas Sanders
35 Neal Anderson

QB
9 Jim McMahon
18 Mike Tomczak
14 Jim Harbaugh

FB
35 Neal Anderson
26 Matt Suhey
33 Calvin Thomas

SPECIALISTS

Punt returner
85 Dennis McKinnon
Kick returner
29 Dennis Gentry
Kick center
54 John Adickes



WR
83 Willie Gault
29 Dennis Gentry
89 Keith Ortego



TE
87 Emery Moorehead
86 Cap Boso



RT
78 Keith Van Horne
68 Paul Blair



RG
57 Tom Thayer
79 Kurt Becker



C
63 Jay Hilgenberg
54 John Adickes



LG
62 Mark Bortz
79 Kurt Becker



LT
74 Jim Covert
68 Paul Blair



WR
84 Ron Morris
85 Dennis McKinnon

DEFENSE



LCB
24 Wymon Henderson
30 Issiac Holt



LE
79 Doug Martin
78 Mike Hartenstine
73 Stafford Mays



LT
97 Henry Thomas
96 Tim Newton



RT
75 Keith Millard
97 Henry Thomas



RE
56 Chris Doleman
73 Stafford Mays



RCB
39 Carl Lee
48 Reggie Rutland



LLB
51 David Howard
57 Chris Martin



MLB
55 Scott Studwell
58 Walker Lee Ashley



RLB
54 Jesse Solomon
50 Ray Berry



FS
44 John Harris
41 Neal Guggemos



SS
47 Joey Browner
22 Steve Freeman

Minnesota on offense

SPECIALISTS

Holder
8 Greg Coleman
Kickoff returner
41 Neal Guggemos
Punt returner
87 Leo Lewis

RB
20 Darrin Nelson
42 D.J. Dozier
25 Tony Truelove

QB
11 Wade Wilson
9 Tommy Kramer
16 Rich Gannon

FB
46 Alfred Anderson
36 Allen Rice
31 Rick Fenney

SPECIALISTS

Kicker
1 Chuck Nelson
Punter
8 Greg Coleman
PC
69 Wayne Jones



FL
87 Leo Lewis
80 Jim Gustafson
89 Greg Richardson



TE
83 Steve Jordan
82 Carl Hilton
86 Mike Mularkey



RT
76 Tim Irwin
68 Greg Koch



RG
66 Terry Tausch
69 Wayne Jones
67 Dennis Swilley



C
63 Kirk Lowdermilk
67 Dennis Swilley



LG
72 David Huffman
71 Mark MacDonald



LT
65 Gary Zimmerman
72 David Huffman



WR
81 Anthony Carter
84 Hassan Jones
88 Buster Rhymes

DEFENSE



LCB
27 Mike Richardson
48 Reggie Phillips



LE
90 Al Harris
97 Sean Smith



LT
76 Steve McMichael
94 Dick Chapura



RT
72 William Perry
94 Dick Chapura



RE
95 Richard Dent
90 Al Harris



RCB
24 Vestee Jackson
27 Mike Richardson



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59 Ron Rivera
51 Jim Morrissey
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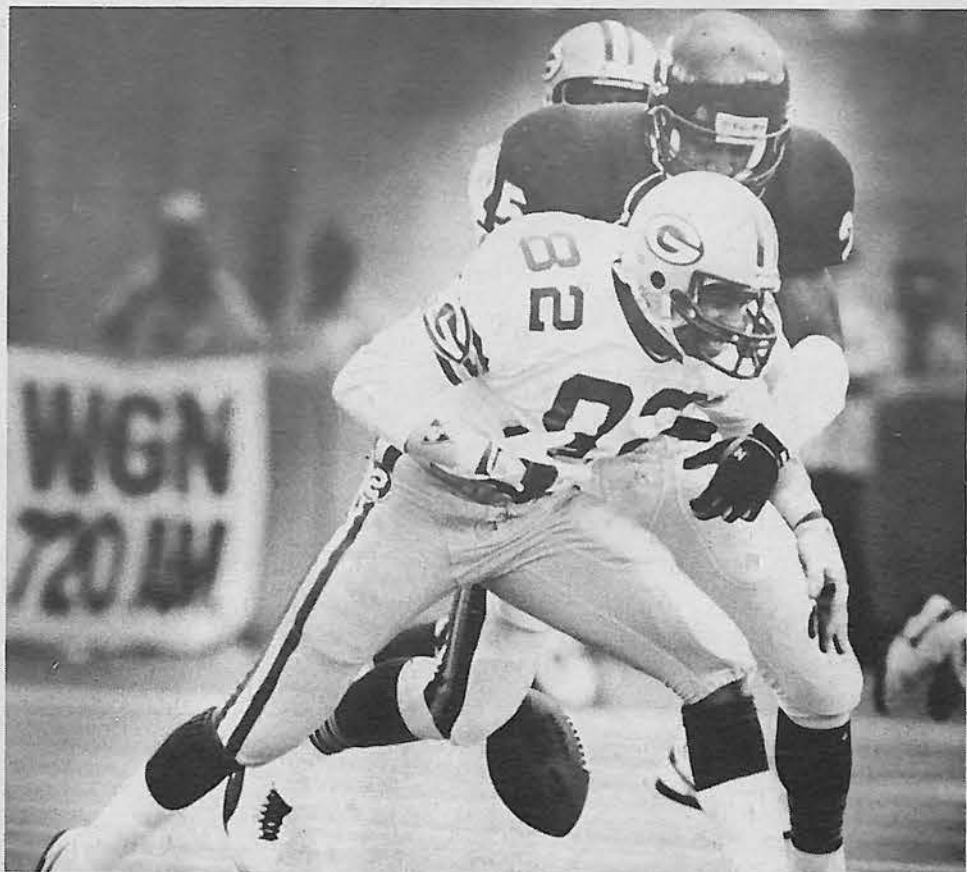
SS
25 Todd Bell
22 Dave Duerson
37 Maurice Douglas

Bears keep momentum going



Al Harris (middle) and Ron Rivera stop Paul Ott Carruth before he can cross the goal line in the first quarter of Sunday's game. Harris had a big day for the Bears, blocking a field-goal

attempt and knocking down a potential touchdown pass. (Bear Report photo by Steve Woltmann)



Todd Bell knocks away a pass from Green Bay wide receiver Keith Paskett during the second half of Sunday's game at Soldier Field. (Bear Report photo by Steve Woltmann)



Jim McMahon came out of Sunday's game without any serious injuries and completed 16 of 27 passes for 195 yards and one touchdown. (Bear Report photo by Steve Woltmann)

BEAR NOTEBOOK

McKinnon sparks response from Tobin

For the first time since joining the Bears a year and a half ago, defensive coordinator **Vince Tobin** publicly defended himself from comparisons between his defense and **Buddy Ryan's**, the former Bear defensive coordinator who is now head coach of the Philadelphia Eagles.

Tobin's remarks came after **Dennis McKinnon** criticized Tobin's handling of the defense at a luncheon last Tuesday at Ditka's restaurant. During a question and answer period McKinnon said, "I don't know when Vince Tobin is going to wake up and smell the coffee. We're not blitzing like we used to. We don't play zone very well. We've shown that the last few weeks."

McKinnon also criticized the blocking he's getting on punt returns. About his 36-yard punt return that was nullified by a penalty McKinnon said, "I did it all myself."

On Wednesday Tobin shot back at McKinnon about the remarks. "I think Dennis McKinnon's got a big mouth. And there's only one thing worse than having a big mouth, and that's when you don't have the facts to back up your mouthy statements," Tobin said.

"I've had for two years now the comparison between me and Buddy Ryan and I've never responded to it publicly. But when it's flagrantly wrong, I think it's time to respond. We're No. 2 in total defense in the National Football League right now. Last year we set a record for points scored against. We led the league in defense."

"Last year Philadelphia was 17th. Right now they're 22nd. I read about how great a defense it is that he's got out there and he's

22nd in the league. You talk about pressure. We lead the league in sacks."

"I don't mind being compared if the facts are brought out on both sides."

Tobin also gave some statistics comparing the 1985 Bear defense to the 1987 defense. His statistics included games played during the strike.

"In 1985 after 10 ballgames they were giving up 285 yards a game. We're giving up 275 right now," Tobin said. "They had 34 sacks in 1985 after 10 games, we have 48."

Tobin said the reason the criticism concerns him so much now is because he doesn't want it to affect his defense. "I can't allow that to happen. And once it does happen I'm going to put a stop to it the best way I know how," he said.

"I've coached football for a long, long time. I know what I'm doing as a defensive football coach. My record speaks for itself. I don't have to defend myself to Dennis McKinnon or any of the football players."

"And the only reason I'm responding now is that because I think when something like that creeps into the squad, it might affect the defense. And the one thing I'm vitally concerned about is the defensive football players losing confidence in me as a football coach. And I can't let that happen."

Wednesday morning Tobin asked head coach **Mike Ditka** if he could address the entire team on the matter, which he did. Ditka also talked to the team after Tobin spoke.

Tobin said he wasn't looking for an apology from McKinnon. "I don't expect his apology. I don't care for his apology," Tobin said. "That's not what I'm looking for. All I'm look-

ing for is for the defensive football team to be proud of what they've accomplished, not feel sorry for anything they've accomplished. I don't think we have anything to apologize for."

Tobin also lashed out at defensive end **Richard Dent**, who said the reason he was offsidies in the Denver game was that he was playing standing up.

"He was offsidies when he was down," Tobin said. "He also said the past week the reason he got sacks was we went back to the old Buddy Ryan system. The reason he got sacks in the ballgame was because we had all the receivers covered, two or three defensive linemen flushed him and he got what we call a gravy sack."

Tobin said the reason the defense didn't perform well after the strike may have been that the game plans were too complex. "When we came back from the strike our concentration level wasn't the same," he said. "Maybe I assumed they'd remember all the things from training camp that they missed out on for four weeks. That was a wrong assumption."

"We should have cut down on the number of different things we'd been doing and really honed in on a few things. And that's what we've been doing the last two or three weeks."

Ditka wouldn't dwell on McKinnon's remarks and even backed off from the state-

ment he made two weeks ago that the defense stunk.

"It's fine to have your own opinion. But I think the opinion has to be made privately to me and privately to the staff," Ditka said.

"My statement two weeks ago that the defense stunk was not a good statement to make because all phases of our defense weren't playing bad. The area I was basically talking about was the mental mistakes. Those are the areas that bother me. My motives are always good. My methods aren't always as good as they should be."

"I think we're moving in the right direction. That's the main thing."

•**TACKLE JIM COVERT** began practicing last week with a shoulder harness that he will wear in games for the rest of the season. Covert has had problems with his shoulder popping out of the socket in games this year.

He's wearing the same type of harness that center **Jay Hilgenberg** has worn all year.

"I don't feel too good about it. It's a lot harder for a tackle to wear it," Covert said.

"I think it's uncomfortable for him," Ditka said. "But the only way it's going to get comfortable is to use it a while. And after he uses it a while, I think he will feel better with it."

"It restricts him a little, but I think in the long run it will be good for him."



Defensive coordinator Vince Tobin spoke out last week against the criticism made about his defense's performance. (Bear Report photo by Steve Woltmann)



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CENTRAL ISSUES

Don't count Vikings out yet: Burns

By John Delcos



Minnesota Vikings

MINNESOTA VIKINGS

Don't be too fast in awarding the NFC Central Division title to Chicago, warns Coach **Jerry Burns**.

If the Vikings defeat Chicago this Sunday, they have a chance to be no worse than one game behind in the standings with three to play. The schedule favors Minnesota. However, the stretch drive means nothing if the Vikings don't win.

"The most important game we're going to play is the one against the Bears," Burns said. "Their lead right now means nothing."

The race became more in focus after the Vikings' 44-38 overtime victory at Dallas on Thanksgiving. **Darrin Nelson** rushed for 118 yards and two touchdowns, including a game-winning 24-yarder with 7:51 remaining in overtime.

NOTES: WR **Hassan Jones** was arrested for drunken driving. He is the seventh Viking to be arrested for DWI in the last 14 months. General manager **Mike Lynn** said he is working with the Hazelden Foundation, a substance abuse treatment center in Minnesota, to have mandatory lectures for the players. . . . Pro Bowl **S Joey Browner** is a black belt in ken-po karate. . . . Waived **LB Peter Najarian**.

INJURIES: DT **Keith Millard** (leg), DT **Tim Newton** (thigh), RB **D.J. Dozier** (ankle), LB **David Howard** (ankle) and QB **Tommy Kramer** (right hand/ankle).

THIS WEEK: Home to Chicago. Vikings lead, 26-24-2. Bears have won seven of eight, including 27-7 decision in the second replacement game.

THE STRETCH: At Green Bay, at Detroit, Washington.

NFL RANKINGS: Offense — 21st (19th rush, 23rd pass). Defense — 8th (9th rush, 9th pass).



Detroit Lions

DETROIT LIONS

NBC Sports was unfairly critical of Coach **Darryl Rogers** during its Thanksgiving telecast.

With Detroit trailing by 14 points midway through the third quarter, analyst **Merlin Olsen** questioned a decision to go for a field goal, saying Rogers was playing the game "to be close rather than to win."

NBC placed sports psychologist **Dr. Eric Margenau**, in the booth as an extra analyst. "It makes you wonder what kind of message you are giving your team," he said of the field goal attempt.

Olsen also criticized a field goal attempt in the fourth quarter.

What Olsen and Margenau forgot, is that a primary coaching objective is to have your team in a position to win at the end of the game.

Lions K **Eddie Murray** missed the fourth-quarter attempt, and the Lions were stopped on a fourth-and-one at the Kansas City 10 on their next possession. Had Murray made the kick — a 33-yarder — the Lions would've gone for a field goal on their next drive. That would've put them in a position to win on a drive at the end of the game — exactly what Rogers wanted.

Lions owner **William Clay Ford**, whose metting hasn't helped the situation, increased speculation Rogers would soon be fired by holding a post-game meeting.

How did the meeting go? "Like you'd expect it to go. The results are no good," Rogers said.

NOTES: How bad have things been? In a game against Chicago, the Lions' secondary was comprised of free agents **James Griffin**, **Raphel Cherry**, **Duane Galloway** and **Ricky Smith**. . . . The Lions are 1-6 in games in which they trailed at halftime.

INJURIES: RB **Garry James** (shoulder), LB **Thomas Boyd** (hamstring), RB **Scott**

Williams (shoulder), RB **James Jones** (neck), TE **Rob Rubick** (knee), OT **Lomas Brown** (leg), CB **Bruce McNorton** (knee/ribs) and OT **Eric Sanders** (toe).

THIS WEEK: Home to Los Angeles Rams. Los Angeles leads, 37-34-1, including three of last four.

THE STRETCH: At Tampa Bay, Minnesota, at Atlanta.

NFL RANKINGS: Offense — 26th (28th rush, 13th pass). Defense — 24th (24th rush, 22nd pass).



Green Bay Packers

GREEN BAY PACKERS

The up-and-down career of **K Al Del Greco** is definitely down. He was waived over the Thanksgiving holiday.

It was only a matter of time after he was benched in favor of **Max Zendejas**, the replacement kicker who was kept around after the strike.

Coach **Forrest Gregg** was playing mind games with Del Greco by keeping a second kicker. Kickers are a sensitive breed to begin with, and Del Greco especially so.

"I thought about a lot of things," Del Greco said after Gregg decided to keep Zendejas. "I thought about my job security and what they thought about me compared to (Zendejas). And I thought about the way the fans felt about him compared to me. I

thought about a lot of things that could really get to you."

Those thoughts finally got to Del Greco.

NOTES: Randy Wright has replaced Don Majkowski at quarterback. . . . Signed NT **Guy Teafatiller**.

INJURIES: RB **Kenneth Davis** (ankle), NT **Jerry Boyarsky** (leg), LB **Tim Harris** (foot), TE **Ed West** (foot) and WR **Frankie Neal** (leg).

THIS WEEK: Home to San Francisco. 49ers lead, 23-20-1, including five of last seven.

THE STRETCH: Minnesota, at New York Giants, at New Orleans.

NFL RANKINGS: Offense - 19th (20th rush, 21st pass). Defense - 16th (19th rush, 16th pass).



Tampa Bay Buccaneers

TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS

The issue is closed in Tampa Bay — **Steve DeBerg** is the starting quarterback. The debate started when Buccaneer fans chanted for Heisman Trophy winner **Vinny Testaverde**.

"I just pretend like I don't hear it," Testaverde said of the chanting.

However, Coach **Ray Perkins** heard it and answered.

"I don't think Testaverde is ready to start,"

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Minnesota head coach Jerry Burns says Sunday's game against the Bears is the most important game of the year for his team.

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The confidence had to come first. Maybe the cockiness will follow.

That's what was missing all along from the Bears' defense. The strut. Remember the strut? The Bears' defense used to puff its chests, stick out its chins and dare anyone to cross the line of scrimmage. This year, the Bears went from from boasting to hoping.

"There's a thin line between good teams and great teams," safety Dave Duerson said. "Maybe the line is confidence. We haven't been as cocky as we're accustomed to being. We haven't been as vocal on the field."

KEVIN LAMB



They certainly didn't have much to shout about. In the three games before they beat Detroit, their opponents averaged 28 points and 382 yards. The worst nine-game averages in the NFL were 30 and 389. The week of the Detroit game, defensive players joked that their new battle cry was a whimper.

The 30-10 victory wasn't great defense. The Bears would have apologized for it a year ago. They gave up 10 points to the Detroit Lions, who played more like Rotarians than jungle beasts. They knew they had to thank the schedule for helping keep the score down.

But the Bears were in no mood to be running gifts through an x-ray machine. This was a defense that threatened to give up 10 points in a two-minute drill the last few weeks.

"We needed things to happen on defense," coach Mike Ditka said after the Detroit game.

"We've got to get our confidence back," defensive coordinator Vince Tobin said.

The Lions gave it a boost. Sure, Detroit's offense had the ball for barely 20 percent of the second half. Sure, Detroit's pathetic running game was as likely to gain yards under the ground as on the ground. But 10 points was 10 points, and it also was two touchdowns less than the Bears had allowed in four games since the strike. The defense even scored a touchdown on Shaun Gayle's interception, its first in more than a year.

The Bears' defense, like a former beauty queen unwrapping bandages on her face, can't expect to live up to its old standards all of a sudden. There will be time for making heads spin again later. For now, it's enough that the Bear defense stopped making heads turn away.

Bears don't want to peak too soon

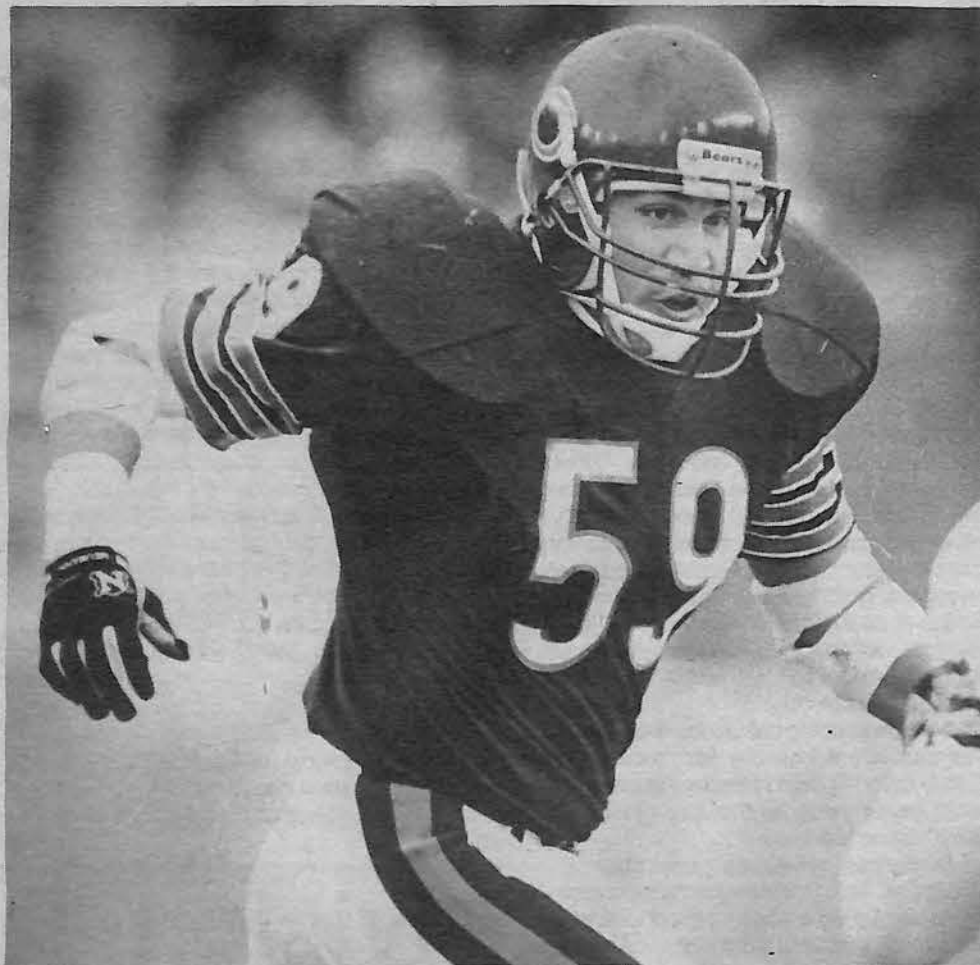
As linebacker Mike Singletary said, "We're a long way from where we want to be. But we're getting there." They wouldn't want to peak before the playoffs again anyway. That didn't work last year. There was still a month for the defense to resume dominating, to start barking again. That's the goal. "Until we get that, it's not back," wide receiver Dennis McKinnon said.

As much as arrogance rose from the Bears' success, it also helped cause it. They excelled because they believed they were special.

When the strike ended, they no longer felt that way. It's hard to feel special when you feel dispensable. During the strike, the Bear defense stopped being an exclusive club. Instead of rejecting the unfit, it recruited them. Life went on. The fans still cheered. The coach still ridiculed outsiders, striking players included. After five years of nurturing us-against-them loyalty, Ditka became one of them.

"Relationships have changed," safety

Cockiness surfaces again on defense



Linebacker Ron Rivera thinks part of the defense's problem after the strike may have been players were trying too hard to make big plays. (Bear Report photo by Steve Woltmann)

Gary Fencik said.

"It was such an emotional strike. I think it still affects some people," linebacker Ron Rivera said.

It sells the players short to say they've pouted for four weeks because Ditka hurt their feelings. "He apologized last week," Duerson said. "You can't blame Mike for us." But the strike was where the snowball started rolling.

The defense grew progressively worse in the four games after the strike. It blew leads the last two weeks. It gave up 11 touchdown passes in the last three games, and allowed those opponents a 20-for-41 success rate on third down. That was the Bears' strength, slamming the door on teams that had to pass. Now they were inviting teams into the end zone and offering them drinks.

The passion lost during the strike had returned to the defenders' play before the Detroit game, coordinator Vince Tobin said. "I think you can only use that excuse for maybe the first two weeks," he said.

Fair enough. But things still got worse. The players came back disillusioned and played horribly at Tampa Bay. They fell behind 20-0. Then Jim McMahon came back at halftime. That snapped the offense out of any funk. And the defense turned it on when it had to. It made seven sacks. The Bears won.

But the same thing happened the next week. This time, when the defense tried to turn on the old invincibility, nothing happened. The plug was pulled. The disillusion turned to desperation. The zombies became dummies.

"We're knocking the crap out of people, but we're letting them outsmart us," Singletary said.

"Maybe guys are trying to make big plays on their own," Rivera said. "That was our hallmark last year. We've had an awful lot of big plays. This year, they've been down. I think guys feel the urgency to make those big plays, and guys are jumping offside or ignoring their coverages."

When the Bears were stuffing offenses, they remembered big plays came from following assignments, not chasing hunches.

Without success to remind them, they turned to instinct. They hit the brakes to stop a skid, and they crashed.

Big plays come when the linemen hurry the quarterback and the secondary covers the receivers. Too often, Tobin said, the Bears were getting one half without the other. "Big plays come with consistency," Singletary said.

All 11 players do their job

Gayle's touchdown play was the reminder they needed. Nothing spectacular happened on the play. Eleven players did their jobs. The blitzing pass rush kept quarterback Chuck Long from holding the ball too long. Maurice Douglass covered receiver Pete Mandley closely enough to clobber him as the ball came. At safety, Gayle broke to the ball quickly enough to be where it popped away from Mandley.

"When everybody does what they're supposed to do, it all goes together," Tobin said. That's what he meant by confidence, the faith that the Bears can make those plays naturally if they simply do their jobs and don't try to make shutouts on every play.

"Those types of plays bring you together," safety Dave Duerson said. "The last four weeks, we've been looking for miracles. We're not doing that now. Those are plays you have to make on the field."

The Bears weren't kidding themselves. As Tobin said, "Let's be honest. Our offense had the ball a hell of a lot." And when the Lions ran the ball only four times after the first quarter, they invited more than the three sacks the Bears made. "We knew they were going to throw. That's a heck of an advantage," Tobin said.

"All we had to do was be smart about our pass coverage," Ditka said.

But even that was an improvement. One touchdown pass on blown coverage was too many, but it was a lot better than 11 in three

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Jackson	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bell	6	2	0	0	0	1	0
Richardson	3	0	0	0	0	1	0
Douglass	2	0	0	0	1	0	0
Phillips	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Singletary	5	1	0	0	0	1	0
Marshall	7	2	0	0	0	1	0

Rivera	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Perry	2	2	1	6	0	0	0
McMichael	5	2	0	0	0	0	0
Harris	4	0	1	5	0	1	0
Dent	3	0	1	7	0	0	0
McKinnon	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Covert	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

FORCED FUMBLES: Jackson 1.

Harris

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four, Wright threw to Joey Hackett in the end zone, but Harris made a lunging knockdown of the ball to prevent a touchdown.

"I just tried to leap out there and get it," Harris said. "If I would have played it smart instead of jumping into the guy, I would have thought interception."

It's unusual for Harris to cover a tight end, but he said the situation dictated the defense Chicago played. "We have a certain call we make for that play and I ended up having to cover the tight end," he said.

Ditka said, "Al Harris has played well. But unfortunately he's been in the shadow of someone else's limelight. He doesn't say very much and gets his job done, and you got to like that. He's getting better and better."

Packers get lead back

After a holding penalty nullified a 22-yard field goal, Zendejas connected from 32 yards out to give the Packers a 10-7 lead with 6:58 left in the second quarter.

The Bears got a chance to tie the game when they got the ball back with 1:49 left in the half and started at the Packer 41 after a 13-yard punt return by McKinnon. After McMahon completed an eight-yard pass to Payton on third down, he completed a five-

yard pass to Payton on fourth and two. That gave the Bears a first down at the Packer 28.

McMahon then hit Gault for 15 yards and Morris for nine yards, moving the ball to the four. After an incomplete pass, Butler came in to kick a 21-yard field goal that tied the score as time ran out in the half.

Chicago grabbed its first lead of the game halfway through the third period on a 27-yard field goal by Butler. The drive started at the Bear 49 after Zendejas had a 50-yard field-goal attempt blocked by Todd Bell. Chicago moved the ball to the Packer nine but failed to gain anymore yardage.

Maurice Douglass' first career interception led to the Bears' next touchdown. Douglass intercepted a Wright pass at the Bear 46. Chicago then moved to the Packer 36 on a late-hit penalty on third down against John Anderson. Anderson hit McMahon as he scrambled out of bounds.

The Bears kept the ball on the ground from there and scored on the first play of the fourth quarter. Thomas Sanders went up the middle seven yards for the touchdown and a 20-10 Bear lead.

Douglass continues good play

Douglass' first interception came a week after he broke up a pass that led to a Bear interception that was returned for a touchdown. "I was just fortunate enough to get a good break on the receiver and I looked back for the ball," Douglass said. "I'm just trying to improve in each game and make more of

a contribution everytime I'm out there."

The Packers had a chance to score when Zendejas attempted a 37-yard field goal midway through the fourth quarter. But Harris broke through and blocked the kick, his fourth blocked kick of the year.

Harris is glad to do whatever he can to help the Bears win. "I just want to do everything I can, if it's blocking kicks or whatever it is to help this team get into the Super Bowl," he said. "I'm just glad I have a chance to contribute to the team."

But after Bell recovered the loose ball, he fumbled it again and Brian Noble recovered for the Packers, giving them the ball back and a first down at the Bears' 47-yard line.

Five plays later Green Bay faced a fourth and six from the Bear 21, but a Wright pass fell incomplete to give the ball back to the Bears.

Chicago then clinched the win when Butler added a 52-yard field goal with 2:44 left to give the Bears a comfortable 23-10 lead. Chicago went 45 yards in eight plays on the drive.

Sanders, Thomas get big gains

Sanders clicked off a 17-yard run during the drive, and Calvin Thomas added an 18-yard run.

Butler had a good game kicking despite straining his leg earlier in the week in practice. Punter Bryan Wagner kicked off for the Bears Sunday.

"Instead of trying to strain it kicking off, we just let Wagner kickoff," Butler said. "I slipped in some mud early in the week and I just didn't want to aggravate it. And I couldn't have done as good of a job as he did."

The Bears' rushing game came together in the second half, gaining 88 yards that half.

"We stuck the ball in there for some real good running plays and I was glad to see that," Ditka said. "That's encouraging for us."

Added Anderson, "The more you throw the more the running game will open up. They complement each other."

So now the Bears head to Minnesota in good shape. "That will tell a lot about what's going on in the world," Ditka said.

Division

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Perkins said. "I think DeBerg deserves to start. The public isn't the coach. I'm the coach. I'm a DeBerg fan. I'm a Testaverde fan. He's going to be a great player, I don't have any question about that. But right, wrong or indifferent, we're going to do it my way."

DeBerg downplayed the situation.

"That's going to happen when you have a Heisman Trophy quarterback behind you," said DeBerg, who in his career has been replaced by Joe Montana, John Elway and Steve Young.

NOTES: OG Dan Turk, the only Buc to cross the picket line, started in place of George Yarno. What makes it a big deal is that Yarno is the team's player representative. ... Rookie WR Mark Carrier, who got off

to a fast start, has been placed on the inactive list. ... Rookie OLB Winston Moss, who won a starting job in training camp, has been benched in favor of Jackie Walker.

INJURIES: DEs Kevin Kellen (knee) and Ron Holmes (chest).

THIS WEEK: At New Orleans. Saints lead, 6-3, including four straight.

THE STRETCH: Detroit, St. Louis, at Indianapolis.

NFL RANKINGS: Offense - 23rd (26th rush, 15th). Defense - 10th (11th rush, 11th pass).

QUOTEBOOK

Green Bay receiver Frankie Neal, who caught two touchdown passes against Kansas City, to a team official who tried to hurry him away from reporters to catch a bus to the airport:

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in the option year now and is enjoying an excellent season.

Singletary said he agreed on terms before this season began, but preferred to withhold the news "until the Super Bowl."

Singletary is playing for a base salary of \$250,000 plus incentives this season. After a holdout prior to the 1985 Super Bowl season, Singletary got McCaskey to renegotiate and knock the final two years off a six-year contract he signed in 1984.

Phillips said Singletary represented himself in every negotiating session.

"We still have a few things to work out. It's not totally completed," Phillips said.

Big contracts concern Bears

To add to the Bears' concern, rookie linebackers Brian Bosworth of Seattle and Cornelius Bennett of Buffalo signed big contracts — Bosworth \$11 million for 10 years and Bennett \$4 million for five years.

"Those make no business sense," Phillips said.

Singletary, drafted in the same 1981 class with Taylor and Green, is a four-time Pro Bowl participant. Taylor has made the trip six times; Green twice.

It is difficult to imagine Singletary getting

paid as much as Taylor or Green, but a salary of \$500,000 would put him among the top seven linebackers according to 1987 base salary reported by the union. The survey does not include rookies.

What Singletary's contract does is send a message from the Bears about parameters. The club will not want to pay Marshall or probably anybody else on their list of 21 more than they pay Singletary.

Other starters playing in the final years of their contracts are center Jay Hilgenberg, cornerback Mike Richardson, defensive tackle Steve McMichael, placekicker Kevin Butler, linebacker Ron Rivera, tackle Keith Van Horne, tight end Emery Moorehead, and punt returner-flanker Dennis McKinnon.

Running back Walter Payton and safety Gary Fencik also are in final years of contracts, but have announced plans to retire.

Payton and Fencik and one or two other players who won't be back will save the Bears considerably in 1988 salary. But the others will be in line to divide up Payton's share.

It would be a good idea for the Bears to win the Super Bowl this year. It would look good on their resumes when they talk to Phillips. And if they don't win it, there is no guarantee that any of them will be satisfied to sign for any less.

Send a Christmas card to Phillips. Better yet, send a check.

NFL NOTEBOOK

Alcohol problems concern Vikings most

Most experts agree the Vikings are playing better football than any other team in the NFC Central right now, even though they trail the Bears in the standings.

In Games Eight and Nine the Viking defense, led by right end Chris Doleman and right tackle Keith Millard, forced nine turnovers that resulted in five touchdowns and one field goal. Doleman had four sacks and two forced fumbles in that period.

Minnesota's biggest problem right now is trying to control the epidemic of alcohol-related problems among its players. The latest casualty was wide receiver Hassan Jones.

BRIAN HEWITT



Jones was the sixth Viking arrested for driving while under the influence in the last 14 months. The other five were: Tim Newton (twice), Steve Jordan, Issiac Holt, Tommy Kramer and Rich Gannon.

Oddly enough, when the cops nabbed Jones he wasn't even driving. He was in the parking lot with the lights on, the motor running and fast asleep.

"Any time you put youth, money, fame and free time together you're going to have problems," said Viking GM Mike Lynn. "What we believe is that our team is no different than any of the other 27 teams in the NFL (but) you have 50 individuals on 27 other teams that don't have the same degree of incidence. We're beginning to think it's more than just a coincidence and this is not acceptable."

Lynn said the Vikings will seek help from the nearby Hazelden (Minn.) drug and alcohol rehabilitation center.

EAGLE EYES:

Giant linebacker Carl Banks had this to say about the improved Philadelphia Eagles: "If they had (Bear linebacker) Wilber Marshall, they'd be the Bears' defense."

Coach Buddy Ryan's Eagle defense is led by NFL sack leader Reggie White. In 34 NFL games (through Nov. 15) White had 41 sacks. That's a career average of 1.2 sacks per game. By way of comparison during that same period, Giant Lawrence Taylor's career average is .83 sacks per game, Bear Richard Dent averages .76 sacks per game and Raider Howie Long averages .67.

STAT II:

When the Bears lost 31-29 to Denver it marked the first time they lost a game in regulation when they scored as many as 29 points since Seattle beat them 31-29 in 1978.

The Bears lost to New Orleans 34-31 in 1983, but that was overtime.

DON'T CALL ME LARRY:

Five of the Giants' eight 1986 Pro Bowlers were on the injury report for their 23-14 loss at New Orleans. Four of them — Jim Burt, Phil Simms, Brad Benson and Joe Morris — are probable. Linebacker Taylor, who had never missed a game for injury in his life, was questionable with a pulled ham-

string.

"His goal, he once told me, was to play 10 years in a row without missing a game (due to injury)," said Giant coach Bill Parcells. "It's a big thing with him. He never wants anybody to say that he didn't show up."

Taylor damaged the hamstring Nov. 15 against Philadelphia. He had to be half-carried from the locker room to the team bus after the game. He played briefly the next week but reaggravated the injury in the loss to the Saints.

Simms had a streak of 59 starts stopped when he didn't open against New England Nov. 8. Miami's Dan Marino now has the longest starting streak at 55.

MILLER DARK:

After Bengal lineman Joe Walter and Brian Blados were arrested for wrestling in quarterback Boomer Esiason's trendy Cincinnati waterfront restaurant, somebody asked backup quarterback Turk Schonert, why Blados and Walter, best friends, had disagreed.

"Blados said, 'Miller Lite tastes great,' Joe said, 'less filling,'" Schonert replied.

Z FOR ZINFANDEL:

Several years ago *Sports Illustrated* writer Paul "Dr. Z" Zimmerman quoted 49er coach Bill Walsh as saying quarterback Steve DeBerg, "takes you just far enough to lose."

Walsh's 49ers played DeBerg's Buccaneers recently. And before the game Walsh claimed Zimmerman plied the quote out of him with wine. "I can't recall saying that," Walsh said. "A lot of things were at-

tributed to me by him (Zimmerman). It started from one wine to another wine. He could have actually drugged me into saying a lot of things."

WILL-INTENTIONED:

Missouri Gov. John Ashcroft recently sent a letter to Cardinal owner Bill Bidwill pleading with him not to move the team to Baltimore.

Unfortunately for Ashcroft he misspelled Bidwill's name. He spelled it B-I-D-W-E-L-L.

RUMOR MILL:

The talk in Miami is that this may be coach Don Shula's last year with the Dolphins. The reason: Shula's wife, Dorothy, is battling cancer. Dorothy Shula appeared at a big banquet in her honor recently and talked openly about her struggle to stay healthy.

COLTISH:

Colt Eric Dickerson, who holds the NFL single-season rushing record of 2,105 yards, is confident he can reach that figure again. "Of course I can," says the 27-year-old former Ram. "I've got at least one more in this body."

Indianapolis' improved young offensive line averages 26.8 years in age among starters. The Rams' offensive line in 1984, Dickerson's record year, averaged 29.4 years of age.

O.J. Simpson was 26 in 1973 when he rushed for 2,003 yards. Jim Brown was 27 in 1963 when he had 1,863. Earl Campbell was 25 in 1980 when he gained 1,934. Walter Payton was 23 when he got 1,852 yards in 1977.

THREE'S COMPANY:

When 49er quarterbacks Steve Young and Joe Montana and rookie running back Harry Sydney each threw touchdown passes in a loss to the Saints in Week Nine it marked the first time three different players had thrown a touchdown pass for one team in one game since Oct. 16, 1983. On that day Raiders Jim Plunkett, Marc Wilson and Marcus Allen threw touchdown passes in a loss to Seattle.

NOTES AND QUOTES:

•The night before the Colts beat Miami Nov. 15 Indianapolis running back Eric Dickerson dined at a Fort Lauderdale restaurant called the "15th Street Fishery." He ordered the dolphin.

•After falling behind 14-0 to the Dolphins, Indianapolis outscored the Dolphins 40-7 in the last 50 minutes.

•The Vikings' 224 yards rushing against Tampa Bay was their most in a game since 1976.

•Denver running back Sammy Winder collects all kinds of vehicles. He says he wants to add a bulldozer to his collection. "When I was a kid I used to stand in the rain and watch 'em," he says.

•San Francisco tight end Russ Francis on the Oilers defense: "They spear, they eye-gouge, they body-slam. Just like professional wrestling."

•Through Week 10 Cardinal coach Gene Stallings has lost 17 games in the last 2 years, 10 of them by seven or fewer points.

1987 Bears Schedule

REGULAR SEASON

Chicago 34, N.Y. Giants 19
Chicago 20, Tampa Bay 3
Sun., Sept. 27 at Detroit, noon
Chicago 35, Philadelphia 3
Chicago 27, Minnesota 7
New Orleans 19, Chicago 17
Chicago 27, Tampa Bay 26
Chicago 31, Kansas City 28
Chicago 26, Green Bay 24
Denver 31, Chicago 29
Chicago 30, Detroit 10
Chicago 23, Green Bay 10
Sun., Dec. 6 at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Mon., Dec. 14 at San Francisco, 8 p.m.
Sun., Dec. 20 SEATTLE, noon
Sun., Dec. 27 at L.A. Raiders, 3 p.m.
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BEARS SEASON STATISTICS

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Sept 14	W 34-19	Giants	65,704
Sept 20	W 20-3	Tampa Bay	63,551
Oct 4	W 35-3	at Philadelphia	4,074
Oct 11	W 27-7	Minnesota	32,113
Oct 18	L 17-19	New Orleans	46,813
Oct 25	W 27-26	at Tampa Bay	70,747
Nov 1	W 31-28	Kansas City	63,498
Nov 8	W 26-24	at Green Bay	53,320
Nov 16	L 29-31	at Denver	75,783
Nov 22	W 30-10	Detroit	63,357
Nov 29		Green Bay	
Dec 6		at Minnesota	
Dec 14		at San Francisco	
Dec 20		Seattle	
Dec 27		at Raiders	

	Bears	Opponents
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	208	172
Rushing	78	43
Passing	102	110
Penalty	28	19
3rd Down: Made/Att	50/143	50/151
4th Down: Made/Att	9/17	2/9
TOTAL NET YARDS	3335	2687
Avg. Per Game	333.5	268.7
Total Plays	690	660
Avg. Per Play	4.8	4.1
NET YARDS RUSHING	1277	812
Avg. Per Game	127.7	81.2
Total Rushes	322	259
NET YARDS PASSING	2058	1875
Avg. Per Game	205.8	187.5
Tackled/Yards Lost	36/257	48/354
Gross Yards	2315	2229
Att./Completions	332/187	353/172
Completion Pct.	56.3	48.7
Had Intercepted	15	9
PUNTS/AVERAGE	42/ 39.6	61/ 40.2
NET PUNTING AVG.	32.0	31.4
PENALTIES/YARDS	67/ 508	86/ 742
FUMBLES/BALL LOST	18/ 9	29/10
TOUCHDOWNS	34	20
Rushing	10	2
Passing	18	15
Returns	6	3

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	Total
BEARS	69	96	42	69	0	276
OPPONENTS	55	64	19	32	0	170

SCORING	TD-Ru-Pa-Rt	PAI	FG	S	YP
Butler	0 0 0 20/22	11/17	0	0	53
Anderson	3 2 0 0/0	0/0	0	0	30
Gault	0 5 0 0/0	0/0	0	0	30
Lashar	0 0 0 10/10	3/4	0	0	19
Brewer	2 1 0 0/0	0/0	0	0	18
Kozlowski	0 3 0 0/0	0/0	0	0	18
McKinnon	0 1 2 0/0	0/0	0	0	18
W. Payton	2 1 0 0/0	0/0	0	0	18
Boso	0 2 0 0/0	0/0	0	0	12
McMahon	2 0 0 0/0	0/0	0	0	12
Gayle	0 0 1 0/0	0/0	0	0	6
Gentry	0 0 1 0/0	0/0	0	0	6
Heimuli	0 1 0 0/0	0/0	0	0	6
Kindt	0 1 0 0/0	0/0	0	0	6
McCrack	0 0 1 0/0	0/0	0	0	6
Mosley	0 0 1 0/0	0/0	0	0	6
Ro. Morris	0 1 0 0/0	0/0	0	0	6
Tomczak	1 0 0 0/0	0/0	0	0	6
BEARS	10 18 6 30/34	14/21	0	0	276
OPPONENTS	2 15 3 17/20	11/18	0	0	170

SACKS: McInerney 6.5, Dent 6.0, Wilson 5.5, Marshall 5.0, Norvell 4.0, Althoff 3.5, B. Bell 3.5, Hampton 2.0, Norris 2.0, Singletary 2.0, McMichael 1.5, Teafatiller 1.5, T. Bell 1.0, Duerson 1.0, January 1.0, Ra. Morris 1.0, Perry 1.0, BEARS 48.0, OPPONENTS 36.0

RUSHING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Anderson	89	423	4.8	t38	3
W. Payton	84	293	3.5	17	2
Heimuli	34	128	3.8	12	0
Mosley	18	80	4.4	16	0
Hohensee	9	56	6.2	26	0
Brewer	24	55	2.3	16	2
Sanders	11	53	4.8	15	0
Thomas	14	33	2.4	5	0
Gentry	5	32	6.4	12	0
McMahon	11	32	2.9	13	2
S. Payton	1	28	28.0	28	0
F. Harris	6	23	3.8	18	0
Tomczak	4	15	3.8	10	1
Clark	5	11	2.2	5	0
Gault	1	9	9.0	9	0
Wolden	2	8	4.0	7	0
Marshall	1	1	1.0	1	0
Brown	1	0	0.0	0	0
Perry	1	0	0.0	0	0

Bradley	1	-3	-3.0	-3	0
BEARS	322	1277	4.0	t38	10
OPPONENTS	259	812	3.1	20	2
RECEIVING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Anderson	37	383	10.4	t59	2
Gault	23	509	22.1	t56	5
W. Payton	23	134	5.8	16	1
Moorehead	16	168	10.5	27	0
Kozlowski	15	199	13.3	28	3
Boso	15	136	9.1	t28	2
McKinnon	13	192	14.8	t31	1
Ro. Morris	10	216	21.6	t42	1
Brewer	5	56	11.2	19	1
Heimuli	5	51	10.2	17	1
Kindt	5	34	6.8	11	1
Knapczyk	4	62	15.5	22	0
Gentry	3	33	11.0	19	0
Suhey	3	17	5.7	7	0
Mullen	2	33	16.5	20	0
Sanders	2	28	14.0	20	0
Glasgow	2	16	8.0	11	0
Mosley	2	16	8.0	16	0
Wolden	1	26	26.0	26	0
Bowers	1	6	6.0	6	0
BEARS	187	2315	12.4	t59	18
OPPONENTS	172	2229	13.0	51	15
INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Rivera	2	19	9.5	15	0
Phillips	2	1	0.5	1	0
McCrack	1	23	23.0	t23	1

PASSING	Att	Cmp	Yds	Cmp%	Yds/Att	TD	TD%	Int	Int%	Long	Sack/Lost	Rating
McMahon	161	98	1258	60.9	7.81	9	5.6	6	3.7	t59	20/126	88.5
Tomczak	78	47	558	60.3	7.15	3	3.8	4	5.1	t56	2/26	73.6
Hohensee	52	28	343	53.8	6.60	4	7.7	1	1.9	28	3/19	92.1
S. Payton	23	8	79	34.8	3.43	0	0.0	1	4.3	20	7/47	27.3
Bradley	18	6	77	33.3	4.28	2	11.1	3	16.7	t18	3/24	45.1
Harbaugh	0	0	0	---	---	0	---	0	---	0	1/15	0.0
BEARS	332	187	2315	56.3	6.97	18	5.4	15	4.5	t59	36/257	77.3
OPPONENTS	353	172	2229	48.7	6.31	15	4.2	9	2.5	51	48/354	72.5

FIELD GOALS	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+
Butler	0/0	7/7	2/2	1/4	1/4
Lashar	0/0	3/3	0/0	0/1	0/0
BEARS	0/0	10/10	2/2	1/5	1/4
OPPONENTS	0/0	3/4	3/7	5/7	0/0

Butler: (24G, 25G) (50N, 55N) () () () (47N) (27G, 52N) (47N, 48N, 27G, 29G, 24G, 52G) (42G) (31G, 37G, 29G)
Lashar: () () () (42N, 26G, 27G) (22G)
BEARS: (24G, 25G) (50N, 55N) () (42N, 26G, 27G) (22G) (47N) (27G, 52N) (47N, 48N, 27G, 29G, 24G, 52G) (42G) (31G, 37G, 29G)
OPPONENTS: () (43G, 46N) (42N, 27G) (31N) (33N, 48G, 31G, 42G, 21G) (46G, 37G) (35N) (39N, 26N, 47G) (27G) (36G)

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

Player	Total	Solo	Assists	PD's	FR's	SFC	BL	Sacks/Yd
Dave Duerson	67	39	28	2	1	1	0	1 / 0
Todd Bell	50	28	22	1	0	1	0	1 / 4
Wilber Marshall	61	32	29	3	1	2	0	5 / 22
Otis Wilson	36	16	20	2	0	0	0	5.5 / 52
Mike Singletary	60	35	25	3	2	2	0	2 / 14
Richard Dent	21	11	10	3	2	3	0	6 / 54
William Perry	31	15	16	2	0	0	0	1 / 10
Steve McMichael	32	18	14	2	0	0	0	1.5 / 5
Reggie Phillips	23	11	12	2	0	0	0	0 / 0
Dan Hampton	17	9	8	2	0	1	1	2 / 9
Vestee Jackson	19	11	8	3	0	0	0	0 / 0
Gary Fencik	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0 / 0
Jim Morrissey	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 / 0
Will Johnson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 / 0
Maurice Douglass	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0 / 0
Ron Rivera	9	5	4	1	0	0	0	0 / 0
Al Harris	4	0	4	2	0	0	2	0 / 0
Sean Smith	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 / 0
Mike Richardson	14	11	3	4	0	0	0	0 / 0
Shaun Gayle	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0 / 0

SIDELINES

Bears' musical talent surfaces

Barking may seem like music to fans' ears at Soldier Field, but next week they'll get a chance to hear some real music from three Bears.

Dave Duerson, Walter Payton and Dan Hampton have teamed up with three Chicago Blackhawks players to form a musical group called the Chicago 6. They'll put on a concert at the UIC Pavilion on Thursday, Dec. 10 at 8 p.m. Tickets are available at TicketMaster by calling (312) 559-1212.

The group was formed by Chicago Sports Profiles magazine to celebrate its first anniversary and will perform 15 songs at the concert, including music by Bruce Springsteen, Billy Idol, The Beatles, The Blues Brothers and Phil Collins.

Duerson said the band sounded good together almost from the beginning. "It was quite surprising. The first time we all got together it sounded pretty decent," he said. "We're above average from the standpoint that we're not doing this professionally. From the way we sound, if we dedicated the time we could put out a decent product that would be sellable."

Hampton is the most accomplished musician among the Bears. He started out playing the saxophone in eighth grade and later formed his own rock band called Sanctuary Woods. He also plays guitar and appeared in concert with Tanya Tucker at the Park West last June.

Payton will play drums in the group. He's played since fourth grade and also as a teenager formed his own band, called The Deadly Sins. He's also made a guest appearance with Barbara Mandrell.

Duerson will play trumpet, which he began studying in his early teens. In high school he was in an All-America band that toured Europe.

"I put it down when I went to college," Duerson said.

But he quickly got back into form when the band was put together. "It was kind of strange. Once the music was put in front of you it was like you really hadn't lost a beat," Duerson said. "It wasn't quite as polished as I'd like, but it wasn't bad, either. I was quite pleasantly surprised, actually."

The three Blackhawks joining the Bears in the group are Curt Fraser, Gary Nylund and Troy Murray. "It's been nice getting to know the guys from the Blackhawks. We've developed some friendships," Duerson said.

Lamb

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games. Three sacks weren't enough, but they looked great after none in two games. And the Lions' 1-for-10 third-down success was great, especially after 20-for-41.

Even the cockiness was starting to surface. When the offense was controlling the ball for nearly 22 of 25 minutes in the second half, Duerson said, "We were actually trying to get back on the field. We were hoping they'd go for a big play."

At the end, Singletary said, "We were running 60.65 percent today. Before, it was 50, maybe 45."

As Tobin said, "We can still play better." But at least he wasn't wondering if they could play any worse.

Bear of the week: Maurice Douglass

Age: 23
Birthplace: Trotwood, OH
Height: 5-11
Weight: 200
College: Kentucky
Marital status: Single
Hobbies: Working with animals and going to see movies. He's also a male stripper.

Superstitions: I read my horoscope every day.

The last good movie I saw: Fatal Attraction and Sign of the Times.

Favorite actor: Mel Gibson.

Favorite musicians: Prince and L.L. Cool J.

Favorite childhood memory: Scoring a touchdown in Pee-Wee football when I was in fourth grade. I was a running back.

Heroes: Jack Tatum and my mother.

Nobody knows I'm: Going to be a father in March.

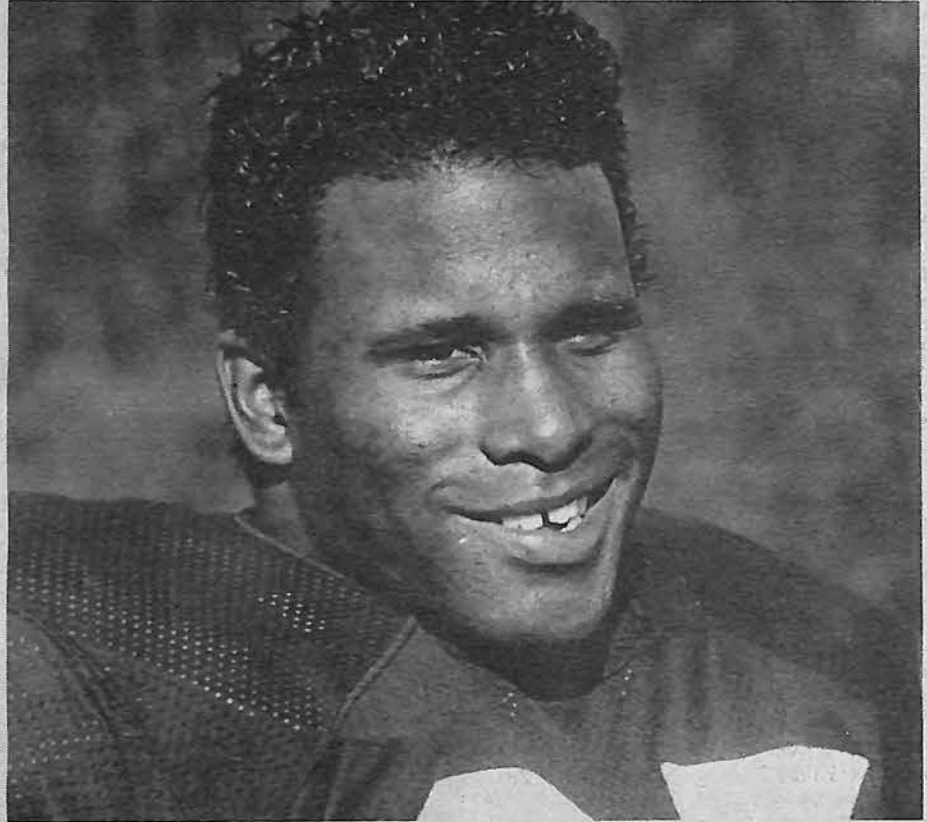
Philosophy of life: If you do good things to others, good things will happen to you.

The worst part of my job: I can't think of anything wrong with it at all.

My fantasy is: To return an interception for a touchdown in the Super Bowl.

The best advice I got: To believe in yourself. If you do that you might not always be successful but you'll always have confidence.

Favorite television show: The Cosby Show.



by Show.

Favorite pig-out food: Popsicles, all flavors.

The car I drive: Jeep.

My friends in high school thought I was: An all right guy.

Life after football: I'd like to open up a couple of nightclubs or a restaurant.

Bear history through the 1980s

Oct. 6, 1980 - In a 23-0 whitewash of Tampa Bay at Soldier Field, Walter Payton rushes for 133 yards and gains 14 more receiving to raise his lifetime combined yardage to 9,492 and break Gale Sayers' club record.

Dec. 7, 1980 - Bears whip Packers 61-7 at Soldier Field, equaling the club record for points and setting new standards for first downs (33) and pass completion percentage (83.3 percent). Quarterback Vince Evans throws for 316 yards, the most by a Bear in 10 years.

Jan. 4, 1982 - After four seasons and a league record of 30-34, Neill Armstrong leaves as head coach.

Jan. 20, 1982 - Mike Ditka, assistant offensive coach of the Dallas Cowboys, becomes new Bears' head coach.

Aug. 24, 1983 - Jim Finks resigns as the club's general manager after nine seasons.

Oct. 5, 1983 - Bears' founder and owner George Halas names Jerry Vainisi as the new Bear general manager.

Oct. 31, 1983 - George Halas dies at the age of 88.

Nov. 11, 1983 - Michael B. McCaskey becomes the Bears' third president in the 65-year history of the franchise.

Feb. 19, 1984 - Rudy Custer, who served as business manager of the Bears for 38 years, announces his retirement.

Nov. 25, 1984 - Bears defeat the Vikings 34-3 at Minneapolis to clinch their first division title ever.

Dec. 30, 1984 - Bears defeat the Redskins 23-19 in the divisional playoffs to advance to the NFC Championship game. The 49ers beat the Bears, 23-0 in the NFC final.

1985 - Bears win first 12 games of the season en route to posting a 15-1 regular sea-

son mark, tying the record for the most regular season wins by a team in NFL history. Chicago claims its second consecutive NFC Central Division title as a club record nine players are selected to the Pro Bowl.

Jan. 5, 1986 - The Bears host their first playoff game since 1963 and shut out the Giants, 21-0.

Jan. 12, 1986 - The Bears blank the Rams 24-0 in the NFC Championship game and advance to Super Bowl XX to play the New England Patriots.

Jan. 26, 1986 - Chicago sets seven Su-

per Bowl records in its first appearance including most points (46) and largest margin of victory (36) in a 46-10 rout of the Patriots. The game was witnessed by a record-setting number of viewers via television worldwide. The Bears are greeted the next day by an estimated 500,000 people in a tickertape parade in downtown Chicago.

1987 - The Bears capture their third straight NFC Central title with a 14-2 mark. The defense allows an NFL record-low 187 points. The Bears lose in the opening round of the playoffs to the Redskins, 27-13.

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Payton needs Suhey blocking

Dear Doug,

I was born and raised a Bear fan by my dad and my uncle. Ever since I can remember, every Sunday we would sit in front of the television set and watch Walter Payton carry the ball.

This year it has been different. In the four games he has played he has rushed for only 111 yards. Everyone says he has lost a step, and that might be true. But I have a different theory on the matter. I think that Payton needs a fullback, not a halfback, blocking for him. I like Neal Anderson as much as any Bear fan, but he is young and he is a halfback. I know he tries to block for Payton, but he just can't do it.

For my solution, I think Ditka should start Matt Suhey for one game and give Payton the chance he deserves. If the Payton-Suhey combination works, then Ditka could bring Anderson in on second and long and third-down situations. We are probably talking about Payton's last year. Anderson will be back next year and will probably be the halfback anyway. After Payton has had such a great career, I'd hate to see it end like this, and I think a lot of Bear fans feel the same way.

Josh Duke
Paris, IL

Tomczak deserves more credit

Dear Doug,

I would just like to add to what Kris Willson of Traverse City said. I agree with Kris that Mike Tomczak is starting to get some of the respect and credit he deserves. But by far, Mike still deserves more credit than he gets. He worked so hard this off-season and it really shows.

After the Giants game he proved that he has what it takes to lead the Bears to a Super Bowl victory. Everyone seems to find something wrong with Mike Tomczak and his quarterbacking. If he would get a little more credit for all the great things that he does, Mike couldn't be stopped. Credit should be given where credit is due, and Mike Tomczak is due more credit than anyone.

Thanks to Kris for making a great point and to all the guys at the Bear Report for a great paper.

Nikki Bair
Belle Glade, FL

Offense great under McMahon

Dear Editor,

With his outstanding performance against Denver, Jim McMahon proved he is one of the best quarterbacks in the league. In that game he led the offense on several drives culminating in touchdowns.

As for the defense — hello, is anybody home? As I see it, the defense expects opposing teams to roll over out of respect for their reputation. It is obvious the defense is resting on its laurels. If you don't believe that, look at the Fridge and McMichael in particular. Their laurels are hanging over their belts. The linebackers have lost their intensity. The secondary lost its desire to punish receivers. I feel the Bears need to bring back Gary Fencik to remind the rest of the secondary how to hit receivers if they make a catch or not. The defense needs to get another chip on its shoulder again and start playing aggressive.

The offense is playing great under McMahon's leadership. Please stay healthy.

The special teams are having a banner year. Keep up the good work.

To Coach Ditka, please keep the Fridge defrosted and out of the backfield.

Larry Pietrowski
Chesapeake Beach, MD

Announcers prejudiced against Bears

Dear Doug,

I have just witnessed another disastrous job by the ABC announcing crew on the Bears-Denver game.

Throughout the entire game they proceeded to insult William Perry's weight problem, downcut Jim McMahon's passing yardage by telling us how great Elway was when in fact Jim's passing yardage was higher than

Elway's, and to top it off, they mentioned near the end of the game after one of Denver's scoring drives, "Unfortunately, the Broncos left too much time on the clock."

Why must we endure announcers who are so prejudiced against the Bears? I thought these announcers were supposed to be neutral! I've noticed that whenever the Bears play on Monday night, the announcers are always making great statements about the other team and downcutting our team.

I'm really disgusted by this display against the Bears. I haven't noticed this prejudice by the CBS announcers on Sundays. We were all happy when O.J. bit the dust, but I guess ABC feels that three announcers are better than two.

I may be mad because the Bears lost, but I wouldn't have felt so bad if I had been able to listen to a non-prejudiced broadcast. From now on I'm listening to WGN radio on Monday nights when the Bears play, not ABC.

Eileen Janowski
Skokie, IL

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Week 1

Sunday, Sept. 13

L.A. Raiders 20, Green Bay 0
Minnesota 34, Detroit 19
Kansas City 20, San Diego 13
New Orleans 28, Cleveland 21
N.Y. Jets 31, Buffalo 28
Houston 20, L.A. Rams 16
New England 28, Miami 21
Pittsburgh 30, San Francisco 17
Cincinnati 23, Indianapolis 21
St. Louis 24, Dallas 13
Tampa Bay 48, Atlanta 10
Washington 34, Philadelphia 24
Denver 40, Seattle 17

Monday, Sept. 14

Chicago 34, Giants 19

Week 2

Sunday, Sept. 20

Denver 17, Green Bay 17
Chicago 20, Tampa Bay 3
Minnesota 21, L.A. Rams 16
L.A. Raiders 27, Detroit 7
Philadelphia 27, New Orleans 17
Atlanta 21, Washington 20
Dallas 16, N.Y. Giants 14
Buffalo 34, Houston 30
Miami 23, Indianapolis 10
Cleveland 34, Pittsburgh 10
Seattle 43, Kansas City 14
San Francisco 27, Cincinnati 26
San Diego 28, St. Louis 24

Monday, Sept. 21

N.Y. Jets 44, New England 24

Week 3

Sunday, Sept. 27

Atlanta at New Orleans
Buffalo at Dallas
N.Y. Giants at Miami
Indianapolis at St. Louis
New England at Washington
Minnesota at Kansas City
Green Bay at Tampa Bay
Chicago at Detroit
L.A. Raiders at Houston
N.Y. Jets at Pittsburgh
Seattle at San Diego
Cincinnati at L.A. Rams
Philadelphia at San Francisco

Monday, Sept. 28

Denver at Cleveland

Week 4

Sunday, Oct. 4

Green Bay 23, Minnesota 16
Pittsburgh 28, Atlanta 12
San Diego 10, Cincinnati 9
Cleveland 20, New England 10
Indianapolis 47, Buffalo 6
Tampa Bay 31, Detroit 27
Chicago 35, Philadelphia 3
Washington 28, St. Louis 21
New Orleans 37, L.A. Rams 10
Houston 40, Denver 10
L.A. Raiders 35, Kansas City 17
Dallas 38, N.Y. Jets 24
Seattle 24, Miami 20

Monday, Oct. 5

San Francisco 41, N.Y. Giants 21

Week 5

Sunday, Oct. 11

Detroit 19, Green Bay 16 (OT)
St. Louis 24, New Orleans 19
Dallas 41, Philadelphia 22
Chicago 27, Minnesota 7
San Diego 17, Tampa Bay 13
New England 14, Buffalo 7
Houston 15, Cleveland 10
Indianapolis 6, New York Jets 0
Miami 42, Kansas City 0
Washington 38, N.Y. Giants 12
Cincinnati 17, Seattle 10
San Francisco 25, Atlanta 17
L.A. Rams 31, Pittsburgh 21

Monday, Oct. 12

Denver 30, L.A. Raiders 14

Week 6

Sunday, Oct. 18

Pittsburgh 21, Indianapolis 7
Seattle 37, Detroit 14
New York Jets 37, Miami 31 (OT)
New England 21, Houston 7
Cleveland 34, Cincinnati 0
Green Bay 16, Philadelphia 10 (OT)
New Orleans 19, Chicago 17
Tampa Bay 20, Minnesota 10
Atlanta 24, Los Angeles Rams 20
Buffalo 6, New York Giants 3 (OT)
San Diego 23, Los Angeles Raiders 17
Denver 26, Kansas City 17
San Francisco 34, St. Louis 28

Monday, Oct. 19

Washington 13, Dallas 7

Week 7

Sunday, Oct. 25

Green Bay 34, Detroit 33
Houston 37, Atlanta 33
Buffalo 34, Miami 31 (OT)
Chicago 27, Tampa Bay 26
Pittsburgh 23, Cincinnati 20
Philadelphia 37, Dallas 20
Indianapolis 30, New England 16
Washington 17, New York Jets 16
San Francisco 24, New Orleans 22
New York Giants 30, St. Louis 7
Seattle 35, Los Angeles Raiders 13
San Diego 42, Kansas City 21

Monday, Oct. 26

Cleveland 30, L.A. Rams 17
Minnesota 34, Denver 27

Week 8

Sunday, Nov. 1

Houston 31, Cincinnati 29
Indianapolis 19, N.Y. Jets 14
Chicago 31, Kansas City 28
New England 26, L.A. Raiders 23
New Orleans 38, Atlanta 0
Philadelphia 28, St. Louis 23
Miami 35, Pittsburgh 24
Tampa Bay 23, Green Bay 17
Washington 27, Buffalo 7
San Diego 27, Cleveland 24 (OT)
Denver 34, Detroit 0
Seattle 28, Minnesota 17
San Francisco 31, L.A. Rams 10

Monday, Nov. 2

Dallas 33, N.Y. Giants 24

Week 9

Sunday, Nov. 8

Cleveland 38, Atlanta 3
Chicago 26, Green Bay 24
Buffalo 21, Denver 14
Minnesota 31, L.A. Raiders 20
Pittsburgh 17, Kansas City 16
San Diego 16, Indianapolis 13
St. Louis 31, Tampa Bay 28
Philadelphia 31, Washington 27
Detroit 27, Dallas 17
San Francisco 27, Houston 20
New Orleans 31, L.A. Rams 14
Miami 20, Cincinnati 14
N.Y. Giants 17, New England 10

Monday, Nov. 9

N.Y. Jets 30, Seattle 14

Week 10

Sunday, Nov. 15

Seattle 24, Green Bay 13
Cleveland 27, Buffalo 21
Dallas 23, New England 17 (OT)
Washington 20, Detroit 13
Houston 23, Pittsburgh 3
L.A. Rams 27, St. Louis 24
Indianapolis 40, Miami 21
Minnesota 26, Tampa Bay 17
N.Y. Jets 16, Kansas City 9
Cincinnati 16, Atlanta 10
New Orleans 26, San Francisco 24
N.Y. Giants 20, Philadelphia 17
San Diego 16, L.A. Raiders 14

Monday, Nov. 16

Denver 31, Chicago 29

Week 11

Sunday, Nov. 22

Green Bay 23, Kansas City 3
Minnesota 24, Atlanta 13
Buffalo 17, New York Jets 14
Cleveland 40, Houston 7
Chicago 30, Detroit 10
New England 24, Indianapolis 0
Pittsburgh 30, Cincinnati 16
St. Louis 31, Philadelphia 19
San Francisco 24, Tampa Bay 10
New Orleans 23, New York Giants 14
Seattle 34, San Diego 3
Denver 23, L.A. Raiders 17
Miami 20, Dallas 14
N.Y. Jets 30, Seattle 14

Monday, Nov. 23

L.A. Rams 30, Washington 26

Week 12

Thursday, Nov. 26

Kansas City 27, Detroit 20
Minnesota 44, Dallas 38 (OT)

Sunday, Nov. 29

Chicago 23, Green Bay 10
New York Jets 27, Cincinnati 20
Indianapolis 51, Houston 27
Buffalo 27, Miami 0
New Orleans 20, Pittsburgh 16
Philadelphia 34, New England 31 (OT)
St. Louis 34, Atlanta 21
L.A. Raiders 35, Tampa Bay 3
Washington 23, N.Y. Giants 19
Denver 31, San Diego 17
San Francisco 38, Cleveland 24

Monday, Nov. 30

L.A. Raiders at Seattle, 8 p.m.

Week 13

Sunday, Dec. 6

Atlanta at Dallas, noon
Indianapolis at Cleveland, noon
Kansas City at Cincinnati, noon
L.A. Rams at Detroit, noon
Philadelphia at N.Y. Giants, noon
San Diego at Houston, noon
San Francisco at Green Bay, noon
Seattle at Pittsburgh, noon
Washington at St. Louis, noon
Buffalo at L.A. Raiders, 3 p.m.
New England at Denver, 3 p.m.
Tampa Bay at New Orleans, 3 p.m.
Chicago at Minnesota, 7 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 7

N.Y. Jets at Miami, 8 p.m.

Week 14

Sunday, Dec. 13

Buffalo at Indianapolis, noon
Cincinnati at Cleveland, noon
Dallas at Washington, noon
Houston at New Orleans, noon
Miami at Philadelphia, noon
Minnesota vs. Green Bay at Milw., noon
N.Y. Jets at New England, noon
L.A. Raiders at Kansas City, 3 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at St. Louis, 3 p.m.
Pittsburgh at San Diego, 3 p.m.
Detroit at Tampa Bay, 3 p.m.
Atlanta at L.A. Rams, 3 p.m.
Denver at Seattle, 7 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 14

Chicago at San Francisco, 8 p.m.

Week 15

Saturday, Dec. 19

Green Bay at N.Y. Giants, 11:30 a.m.
Kansas City at Denver, 3 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 20

Minnesota at Detroit, noon
New England at Buffalo, noon
New Orleans at Cincinnati, noon
Philadelphia at N.Y. Jets, noon
Pittsburgh at Houston, noon
San Francisco at Atlanta, noon
Seattle at Chicago, noon
St. Louis at Tampa Bay, 3 p.m.
Indianapolis at San Diego, 3 p.m.
Cleveland at L.A. Raiders, 3 p.m.
Washington at Miami, 7 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 21

Dallas at L.A. Rams, 8 p.m.

Week 16

Saturday, Dec. 26

Cleveland at Pittsburgh, 11:30 a.m.
Washington at Minnesota, 3 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 27

Buffalo at Philadelphia, noon
Cincinnati at Houston, noon
Detroit at Atlanta, noon
Green Bay at New Orleans, noon
N.Y. Jets at N.Y. Giants, noon
St. Louis at Dallas, noon
Seattle at Kansas City, noon
Tampa Bay at Indianapolis, noon
San Diego at Denver, 3 p.m.
Chicago at L.A. Raiders, 3 p.m.
L.A. Rams at San Francisco, 7 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 28

New England at Miami, 8 p.m.

NFL Standings

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Central Division

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Chicago	9	2	0	.818	299	180
Minnesota	7	4	0	.636	261	248
Green Bay	4	6	1	.409	193	214
Tampa Bay	4	7	0	.364	222	241
Detroit	2	9	0	.182	189	307

East Division

Washington	8	3	0	.727	273	201
Dallas	5	6	0	.455	260	266
Philadelphia	5	6	0	.455	252	295
St. Louis	5	6	0	.455	271	275
N.Y. Giants	3	8	0	.273	193	248

West Division

San Francisco	9	2	0	.818	312	234
New Orleans	8	3	0	.727	280	191
L.A. Rams	4	7	0	.364	226	268
Atlanta	2	9	0	.182	164	328

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East Division

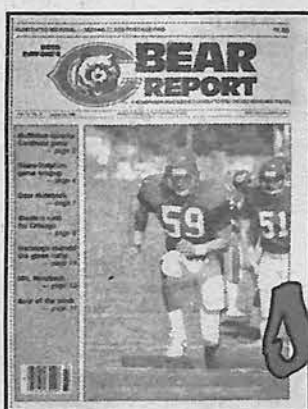
	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Buffalo	6	5	0	.545	208	238
Indianapolis	6	5	0	.545	244	191
N.Y. Jets	6	5	0	.545	252	223
Miami	5	6	0	.455	264	252
New England	5	6	0	.455	221	225

Central Division

Cleveland	7	4	0	.636	302	176
Houston	6	5	0	.545	257	274
Pittsburgh	6	5	0	.545	223	231
Cincinnati	3	8	0	.273	190	243

West Division

San Diego	8	3	0	.727	212	220
Seattle	7	3	0	.700	266	181
Denver	7	3	1	.682	283	223
L.A. Raiders	3	7	0	.300	200	208
Kansas City	2	9	0	.182	172	308



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